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Two brush fires erupted in San Vicente yesterday following. The first was a smaller one that was contained earlier in the day but was later followed by a larger one that engulfed hectares of forestation.

SVES evacuated twice due to brush fires

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San Vicente Elementary School was evacuated twice yesterday due to nearby brush fires that produced choking smoke that blanketed the area and threatened the health of students.

According to SVES principal Paulette Sablan, she had to release both her morning and afternoon batches of students earlier than usual because of a nearby brush fire that broke out in the morning and another that erupted in the afternoon.

Sablan, who reported both fires, said the first one was not as big as the second one but was just as harmful because the smoke and ash seemed to be contained in the SVES campus. She said the second brush fire's smoke was more spread out because of the wind and its direction.

"We were lucky that the PM session has less kids compared to AM.

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'Mother's signature was forged'

» Judge says Sen. Paul Manglona's testimony lacked credibility

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A deed of gift that Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) has been showing as proof that his mother gave him a piece of land in Upper Capitol Hill in 1985 has been deemed a forgery.

Manglona

Superior Court judge pro tempore David A. Wiseman also determined that Manglona's testimony in the case lacked credibility.

In comments yesterday, Manglona said he was surprised to learn about the ruling on his quiet title action, nullifying the 1985 deed of gift for the Capitol Hill property.

The senator said it's quite shocking because his parents and the Japanese lessee relied on this deed when he leased the property approximately 34 years ago, with the entire lease proceeds going to his parents.

"Almost every single one of my siblings were aware of this lease. I really thought this will be over by now, but it's a long way from that," said Manglona, adding that he will be taking this matter on appeal to the CNMI Supreme Court.

In a 26-page decision on Monday, Wiseman ruled that the signature of Manglona's mother, Bernadita Manglona, in the deed of gift dated July 1, 1985, is not hers and is a forgery. That makes the deed null and void.

Wiseman found the testimony of handwriting expert Reed Hayes to be credible, after listening to the testimony and reviewing the transcript several times.

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IPI eyes more investors, 2,000-room resort in Marpi

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The CNMI Lottery Commission approved yesterday Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's request that would enable it to bring in more investors and to build a 2,000-room integrated resort in Marpi.

Those two requests form part of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC four requests that were discussed during the commission's meeting yesterday on Capital Hill.

The two other requests—lowering the local-hire requirement and its proposed integrated gaming facility—have been tabled and are still under discussion.

IPI, a publicly listed corpora-

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'Number of FAS migrants in NMI dropped'

- FAS migration increases in other US territories—Census
- DOI releases $34M Compact Impact funding

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Census Bureau recently completed its 2018 Estimates of Compact of Free Association Migrants and the CNMI showed a decrease of 5 percent in the Freely Associated States population to 2,535.

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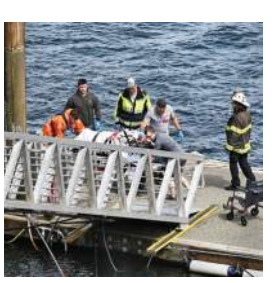

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Local

Case of 1 who allegedly harbored an illegal alien child is dismissed

The federal court has dismissed without prejudice the case against a man whose convictions with his wife over allegations that they harbored an illegal alien child was reversed by U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Dismissal without prejudice means the U.S. government may re-file the indictment against Francisco Muna Tydingco.

In an order on Monday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted the U.S. government's request to dismiss the case against Francisco Tydingco.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe, counsel for the U.S. government, said that under Rule 48 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the courts "must grant leave to the government to dismiss an indictment, information, or complaint unless dismissal is clearly contrary to manifest public interest."

Last April 26, the parties, through their lawyers, asked the court to postpone the trial in this case to July 9, 2019. Manglona granted the request.

In the parties' motion for continuance of the trial, the counsel said since the case was remanded to the District Court by the Ninth Circuit, the parties have been in discussions regarding a possible pretrial resolution.

The parties said no agreement could be reached.

The parties said it thus appears the matter will proceed to trial, but before that occurs, the prosecution intends to seek a superseding indictment to add and/or modify the charges.

Backe said he is scheduled to attend a conference in Columbia, South Carolina from June 5 to 7, 2019 and after that, before returning to Saipan he has two oral arguments before the Ninth Circuit in Hawaii on June 12, 2019.

Steven P. Pixley, counsel for Francisco Tydingco, has a trial scheduled in federal court on June 4, 2019.

Francisco Tydingco and his wife, Lili Zhang Tydingco, are both out of custody.

Manglona originally set the matter for re-trial on April 30, 2019.

A federal grand jury indicted the Tydingco couple for allegedly receiving money to harbor two illegal Chinese aliens, including a child they enrolled at a public school.

In June 2016, a federal court jury rendered a unanimous guilty verdict finding Lili Zhang Tydingco guilty of one count of harboring an alien and Francisco Tydingco guilty of aiding and abetting the harboring.

In December 2016, Manglona sentenced Lili Zhang Tydingco to 10 months in prison; she sentenced Francisco Tydingco to 21 months in prison.

In the order last year that reversed the convictions, the Ninth Circuit judges held that Manglona's instruction defining "harbor" was erroneous because it did not require the jury to find that the Tydingcos intended to violate the law, and the error was not harmless. The judges said the District Court's instruction defining "reckless disregard" was plainly erroneous and the instruction may have affected the outcome of the trial, and the error constitutes a miscarriage of justice, warranting a new trial, because the jury could have convicted the couple on an invalid legal theory.

With the reversal of the convictions, the Ninth Circuit remanded the case to the District Court for a new trial. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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There will be scheduled power interruptions on the following dates, times and locations:

■ **SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 – 8am to 2pm**
- ❑ Outage type: Sectionalized lateral outage on the Feeder 1 distribution circuit
- ❑ Village location: Upper Miha, Garapan
- ❑ Power service area(s) affected: Upper Miha Garapan
- ❑ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Work to be performed: Maintenance

■ **SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019 – 8am to 4pm**
- ❑ Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Feeder 1, 2 and 3 distribution circuits
- ❑ Village location: Lower Base
- ❑ Power service area(s) affected: Puerto Rico and Garapan Fishing Base
- ❑ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Wastewater service area(s) affected: Sadog Tasi Treatment, S-1 and S-3
- ❑ Work to be performed: Replace four wooden poles with concrete poles

■ **MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 – 8:30am to 1:30pm**
- ❑ Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- ❑ Village location: Dandan
- ❑ Power service area(s) affected: ARFF
- ❑ Water service area(s) affected: As Terlaje, Dandan, and Kannat Tabla Tank Service Areas may be affected depending on the tank levels.
- ❑ Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Work to be performed: Replace five wooden poles with concrete poles

■ **MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 – 7:30am to 6:30pm**
- ❑ Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- ❑ Village location: Dandan
- ❑ Power service area(s) affected: Isa Drive (Airport Road traffic light intersection to Ming Yang Market)
- ❑ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Work to be performed: Replace damage power lines with new power lines

■ **TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019 – 8am to 4pm**
- ❑ Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 3 distribution circuit
- ❑ Village location: Gualo Road, Middle Road
- ❑ Power service area(s) affected: Gualo Rai, Middle Road
- ❑ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Wastewater service area(s) affected: S-6
- ❑ Work to be performed: Straighten three leaning concrete poles

■ **TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019 – 7:30am to 6:30pm**
- ❑ Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 4 distribution circuit
- ❑ Village location: Chalan Kanoa
- ❑ Power service area(s) affected: Texas Road, Chalan Kanoa
- ❑ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Wastewater service area(s) affected: A-11
- ❑ Work to be performed: Replace damaged conductor with new conductors

■ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 – 7:30am to 6:30pm**
- ❑ Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 4 distribution circuit
- ❑ Village location: Chalan Kanoa
- ❑ Power service area(s) affected: Texas Road, Chalan Kanoa
- ❑ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Wastewater service area(s) affected: A-11
- ❑ Work to be performed: Replace damaged conductor with new conductors

■ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 – 8am to 4pm**
- ❑ Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 2 distribution circuit
- ❑ Village location: As Lito
- ❑ Power service area(s) affected: Chalan Monsignor Martinez, As Lito and As Perdido
- ❑ Water service area(s) affected: As Perdido, As Gonno, Koblerville, San Antonio, Afetnas, Chalan Kanoa, Chalan Piao, Susupe, San Jose and Oleai may be affected due to tank level
- ❑ Wastewater service area(s) affected: A-15
- ❑ Work to be performed: Straighten two leaning concrete poles

■ **FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019 – 8:30am to 1:30pm**
- ❑ Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- ❑ Village location: Dandan
- ❑ Power service area(s) affected: ARFF
- ❑ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Work to be performed: Replace seven wooden poles with concrete poles

■ **SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019 – 7:30am to 6:30pm**
- ❑ Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- ❑ Village location: San Vicente
- ❑ Power service area(s) affected: Isa Drive (Airport Road traffic light intersection to Laulau Bay Drive)
- ❑ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Work to be performed: Replace damaged power lines with new power lines

■ **SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019 – 8am to 4pm**
- ❑ Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Feeder 1, 2 and 3 distribution circuits
- ❑ Village location: Lower Base
- ❑ Power service area(s) affected: Puerto Rico and Garapan Fishing Base
- ❑ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Wastewater service area(s) affected: Sadog Tasi Treatment, S-1 and S-3
- ❑ Work to be performed: Replace four wooden pole with concrete poles

■ **SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019 – 8am to 4pm**
- ❑ Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- ❑ Village location: Dandan
- ❑ Power service area(s) affected: Dandan Road
- ❑ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- ❑ Work to be performed: Straighten 13 leaning concrete poles

The purpose of the scheduled power interruptions is to de-energize utility lines and allow power line workers from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and its contracting company, Primary Source Electric, the ability to safely conduct maintenance associated with the ongoing restoration effort in the aforementioned locations.

CUC line crews will work to complete the CUC FEMA Water System Mitigation Project while line crews from PSE will continue hardening tasks along the power distribution system.

Water service may be interrupted in the villages of Dandan and As Lito during the scheduled outages.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the working area.

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Hayes had testified that he had concluded that Bernadita Manglona did not sign the deed after analyzing her 18 known signature samples and compared it to the signature in the 1985 deed.

Bernadita Manglona passed away on May 30, 2009. Bernadita Manglona's husband, Prudencio T. Manglona, passed away on June 3, 2014.

Wiseman said that Paul Manglona's statements about his father's illness, his claim of not reading draft of deeds of gifts prepared by his own daughter in 2010, or reviewing copies of signed deeds of gift given to him by his brother, Associate Justice John Manglona, after he demanded the same "are unconvincing at best."

Further, the judge said, Paul Manglona does not appear to be able to independently recognize his mother's signature on the 1985 deed as he admitted on cross-examination that he "assumes" it is her signature merely because it was notarized.

Wiseman also ruled that the rest of Paul Manglona's claims in his lawsuit against his siblings are without merit and are dismissed with prejudice.

Dismissal with prejudice means Paul Manglona can no longer re-file the claims.

Paul Manglona sued his siblings over the disputed 4,181-square meter property on Upper Capitol Hill. The senator asked the court to declare him the owner of the property by virtue of the 1985 deed of gift.

The defendants in the case are siblings Priscilla M. Torres, Thomas A. Manglona, Vincent A. Manglona, and Associate Justice John A. Manglona.

Charles A. Manglona and Prudencio A. Manglona are not referred to as defendants since they are not claiming that the deed of gift is a forgery.

Priscilla Manglona Torres and Thomas A. Manglona, co-administrators of the estate of their late mother, asserted that their brother, Paul Manglona, does not inherit entirely the disputed land as their mother's signature in the document had been forged.

They asserted that at least 50 percent of the disputed Capitol Hill property had already been conveyed to them in equal shares through a July 26, 2013, deed of gift signed by their father, Prudencio Manglona.

A bench trial in the senator's lawsuit lasted from Feb. 20 to 22, 2018, and continued on Nov. 13, 2018.

Mark Scoggins and Rene Holmes served as counsel for the senator. Samuel Mok is counsel for Priscilla and Thomas Manglona. The other defendants appeared without a lawyer.

In his ruling on Monday, Wiseman noted that he is surprised that neither party called the notary, Glenda P. Reyes, to testify, as her testimony could have been persuasive and, perhaps, even decisive for either party.

Further, Wiseman said, he is also surprised that Paul Manglona did not procure an expert, especially since the defendants were going to attack the 1985 deed as a forgery with an expert.

"Why the plaintiff did not choose to bring his own expert to counter the defendants' expert is a mystery," the judge said.

Wiseman said the defendants effectively rebutted the presumption of validity accorded to the 1985 deed based on the presentation of reliable and un-rebutted expert testimony, and the credible testimony of heirs John, Vincent, and Priscilla Manglona.

Since the court determines that the 1985 deed contains a forged signature, it is deemed void from the beginning, Wiseman said.

Therefore, he said, the statute of limitations does not apply in this matter since the underlying transaction is deemed to have not occurred.

Wiseman ruled that the doctrine of laches does not apply.

The doctrine of laches acts as an equitable bar preventing a party from seeking recovery for an alleged wrong if it can be shown the adverse party will be prejudiced due to a plaintiff's neglect or delay.

Paul Manglona has argued that, even if the 1985 deed was a forgery, the doctrine of laches bars the defendants' interest in the property.

Wiseman said Paul Manglona failed to show inexcusable delay.

He said Paul Manglona did not proffer credible testimony showing when the defendants first received notice of the 1985 deed.

Wiseman said the plaintiff's testimony that he distributed to his family for review deeds of gift drafted by his own daughter that listed the disputed property as belonging to his father belies any notion that he notified any family member that he owned the property.

Additionally, the judge said, the fact that Paul Manglona would allow his father, without objection or complaint, to sign an actual deed of gift dated July 26, 2013, that listed the disputed property as belonging to his father further reinforces the theory that the defendants had no notice of his ownership rights.

Wiseman said Paul Manglona failed to show prejudice and there is no evidence of economic prejudice because the property at issue is undeveloped.

He said Paul Mangloma cannot plausibly claim economic prejudice given the fact the property was undeveloped and vacant up until just recently, when construction activity first began within the last two years.

When this construction activity started, the judge said, plaintiff was on notice that the status of the property was disputed.

"Therefore, any actions he took to convey the disputed property in spite of this knowledge are self-inflicted injuries that a prudent person would… have avoided," Wiseman said.

Also, Wiseman said, there is no suggestion of evidentiary prejudice because plaintiff had enough opportunity to call the notary public, Reyes, who purportedly notarized the 1985 deed.

However, the judge said, Reyes was never called to the stand even if she lived on Saipan and was Paul Manglona's former long-time secretary.

Wiseman said the plaintiff's father, Prudencio T. Manglona, could have testified about the 1985 deed. Instead, Wiseman said, plaintiff filed objections to the defendants' efforts to have the testimony heard.

"It is clear that no evidence of prejudice occurred," the judge said in dismissing the senator's claim of laches.

In dismissing the plaintiff's cause of action for adverse possession, Wiseman said plaintiff's testimony made it clear that the property was unoccupied and undeveloped up until two years ago.

Wiseman ruled that slander of title did not occur and Prudencio T. Manglona had a valid 50 percent interest in the property.

Wiseman said defendants did not slander title by their filing of a notice of fee title ownership.

He said the basis of the notice was predicated on the 2013 deed made by Prudencio T. Manglona to his heirs in equal shares.

SVES

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We went through a similar thing with the AM session but the fire was not as big as this one. We actually noticed that the [second] fire started again at around 3:05pm. We started smelling smoke again so we contacted Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 3:07pm to inform them that we're seeing smoke again and ashes were flying and this was similar to what had happened this morning," she said.

A teacher, who chose not to disclose her name, said the morning students were released around 10am.

Sablan said that students who had health issues like asthma were released first, shortly after DFEMS was called.

"We were waiting for word from [DFEMS] but we went ahead and started informing our PM staff the protocols they need to take and make sure the kids were not kept outdoor and if they needed to contact parents of students who are asthmatic because of the smoke, they can do so and release them," she said.

Sablan noticed that the fire had grown larger at around 3:20pm and that's when she and SVES staff decided to evacuate students to the cafeteria. At that point, all parents were called and school buses were called in.

Sablan explained that the cafeteria was the farthest building from the expanding smoke.

"…The fire seemed to be getting bigger but, because of the wind direction, it wasn't really affecting us. Then at about 3:20pm, we started evacuating our kids who were in that area to the cafeteria and eventually everyone was in there. Teachers were instructed to contact parents if they wanted to come and pick up their kids to do so because the smoke was getting bad," she said.

As of 4:10pm, SVES staff were awaiting two more buses and the rest of the student's parents.

DFEMS has yet to release official details of the fire.

Around 4:30pm, *Saipan Tribune* saw that the fire was still going strong at the scene. A police officer at the scene said that residents in that area offered their hoses and tools to aid DFEMS in containing the fire.

A nearby resident said she saw the first fire at around 9am but didn't think much of it because it seemed small, like someone was just burning trash or debris. The fire went out at around noon, she said.

She noticed later, at around 2:30pm or 3pm, that another fire had taken the previous one's place but it was bigger.

According to the resident, she believes the brush fire was started by the hot weather yesterday.

IPI

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tion at the Hong Kong Stock Exchange under its parent company, IPI Holdings Ltd., sought the commission's permission to amend its shareholder interest to allow the casino investor to diversify its portfolio. It is part of IPI's plan to bring in other partners and get brand-name hotels for their project.

CLC chair Mark Rabauliman said IPI's terms of reduction of the controlling interest is to be able to garner more interest from investors. "… The more investors you bring in, the more you highlight the investment."

"Hopefully…the [investment] gets more diversified and grows. At the end of the day, we are here to support this growing enterprise [gaming]. …The CNMI would benefit."

Under the casino license agreement, IPI's controlling interest must not go below 51 percent. IPI wants to reduce that to enable it to diversify its portfolio.

Rabauliman added that, once IPI recovers, it would fill the economic downturn caused by Super Typhoon Yutu. "We want to be able to give everybody an opportunity to find a way to grow themselves. If they get back on track, so will we."

"We ride along with them. Whether the people would like or not, gaming is one of our biggest industries, along with tourism. The more eggs we have in our basket, the better off we are. In the past, we only had the garment and tourism industries."

"Tourism is seasonal. When it goes down, we're really going to feel it. The more diversified our economy us, the better off we are," he added.

Attracting new investors

IPI chief executive officer Mark Brown said that interest among those who want to invest in their project is high. "We had an event inviting about 200 investors a couple of weeks ago and there is another 100 coming in the following week."

"There's a lot of interest from people. …They are looking at our company and what our plans are here. … We explain our plan to them [investors] and they are very interested."

'That's why one of our requests is to allow us to actually offer more shares out. To have more investors and basically to have more partners coming in to Saipan so our company grows and the CNMI grows with it."

The commission also approved the 2,000-room requirement for IPI's soon-to-be-built hotel once they officially acquire the Marpi property.

Rabauliman said that, with the burgeoning tourism numbers, that could complete the three-legged stool of the CNMI economy: tourism, gaming, and cannabis.

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That number accounts for 5 percent of the CNMI population.

FAS refer to Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

The 2018 enumeration puts the number of FAS migrants in Guam at 18,874—an increase of 9 percent from 2013 that accounts for 11 percent of the total Guam population.

The number of FAS migrants in Hawaii increased by 12 percent to 16,680, a number that accounts for approximately 1 percent of the total Hawaii population.

American Samoa had no change, holding at 25 individuals, at less than 1 percent of the total American Samoa population.

These estimates, to be used for the next five years, provide the basis for determining the Compact Impact funding amounts in fiscal year 2019.

As provided for under the Compact of Free Association, funding is provided to each of the governments to help defray costs associated with increased demands placed on health, education, and social services, or infrastructure related to such services provided to individuals who have migrated from the FAS to Guam, Hawaii, the CNMI, and American Samoa.

This year, the U.S. Department of the Interior has approved for distribution Compact Impact grant funding amounting to $34 million for fiscal year 2019. The amount will be distributed to these U.S. jurisdictions.

The total fiscal year 2019 Compact Impact funding includes $30 million in annual mandatory funding and $4 million in discretionary funds, appropriated by Congress. The funds were distributed as follows: Guam ($16.8 million); Hawaii ($14.9 million); CNMI ($2.3 million); and American Samoa ($22,678)

A portion of Guam's fiscal year 2019 Compact Impact funding was released to Guam earlier in the fall of 2018 to support Guam's Public School Leaseback Program.

"We are thankful to Congress for providing these funds," said Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs. "Given that the resources do not meet the needs as outlined by the most impacted jurisdictions, Guam and Hawaii, Interior has sought other ways to help mitigate Compact Impact. One example of this is providing financial assistance to non-profit organizations *Mañelu* on Guam and *We Are Oceania* in Hawaii."

Under the Compacts of Free Association, U.S. Public Laws 99-239 (1986), 99-658 (1994), and 108-188 (2003) citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau are deemed legal nonimmigrants allowed to live, work and study in the United States without visa requirements for their duration of stay.

Since 2004, the U.S. Congress has provided an annual allocation of $30 million to be distributed to the affected jurisdictions of Guam, Hawaii, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

A longer version of this story is available on **www.saipantribune.com**

BOY London officially launches at T Galleria

BOY London is hotter than ever and now available at T Galleria by DFS, Saipan. Worn by famous punk rock stars and Hollywood celebrities since its inception in 1976, fashion idols and music guru's like Boy George, Madonna, Elton John, Depeche Mode and Billy Idol to Rhianna and Wiz Khalifa have all helped BOY quickly gain notoriety and rise from a local shop in London to an international symbol for pop youth. It has become an iconic brand that helped create fashion subculture and it has been a part of every youth movement that has mattered since the Seventies.

"We are excited to feature the legendary British streetwear brand BOY London in our store and offer a wide selection of ready-to-wear to our customers. The launching event will showcase all the latest collections and streetwear trends and celebrate this most recent fashion-forward addition to our brand portfolio of T Galleria." said Svetlana Hunter, Assistant General Manager, T Galleria.

The official launch at T Galleria in Garapan features the Spring/Summer 2019 collection including pieces that are fashion forward yet could be worn daily, fitting for the island lifestyle. The community is invited as T Galleria hosts the BOY London Launch Party event on Friday, May 17th from 7pm – 9pm where the collection will be displayed and available for purchase, and participants can enjoy treats and refreshment.

The addition of BOY London to the fashion assortment is just one of many brands located in the newly opened Fashion multi-brand department. "If you have not done so already, please come out and visit our store. We have completed renovations with most of our departments, and the store is brand new and ready to serve you. We plan to expand our products and services in the near future including some food and beverage options" said Milan Rabold, General Manager.

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Kiyu no longer with CPA board

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REPORTER

Former Saipan senator Thomas P. Villagomez is no longer a member of the Commonwealth Ports Authority board, of which he has been a member since 2008.

CPA board chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds said in an interview last Friday that Villagomez's term as a director had already expired.

Villagomez, who used to chair the board's committee on financial affairs, was not present during Friday's board meeting. He was also not present during the board's special meeting last May 3 on Tinian, where the 40-year $21.9 million worth of lease agreement for the divert airfield was signed.

When asked about Villagomez's absence last Friday, King-Hinds said there was a memorandum about the terms of the CPA board members.

Villagomez

King-Hinds said there was an opinion from Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' legal counsel, who determined that the slot that Villagomez was occupying as a board member actually already expired.

"By statute, our terms begin in October. I guess they went back and traced it," she said.

King-Hinds, however, stated that Villagomez will probably be re-appointed to the board.

In the interim, vice chair Roman Tudela Sr. is the head of the board's financial affairs committee that Villagomez used to chair.

Villagomez served as acting board chairman for several months when then-chair Jose R. Lifoifoi went on medical and personal leave.

Villagomez was first appointed to the board in 2008 by then-governor Benigno R. Fitial. In 2013, the late governor Eloy S. Inos reappointed him to the board, with Gov. Ralph Torres reappointing him to the post in June 2017.

Aside from King-Hinds and Tudela, the other board members are former senator Pete Reyes, Barrie C. Toves, and Joseph Diaz. Two board positions are vacant.

US and CNMI flags lowered to half-staff

As a mark of respect and gratitude to law enforcement officers, President Donald J. Trump has proclaimed today, May 15, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 12 through May 18, 2019, as Police Week.

The President has directed that the flag shall be flown at half-staff today at all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the federal government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its territories and possessions, until sunset.

In line with this, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres also directed the lowering of flags in the CNMI today.

On Peace Officers Memorial Day and throughout Police Week, we express our unending gratitude to our nation's law enforcement officers. Those brave men and women selflessly confront danger to protect our families and defend our communities. We also honor those in blue who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty," said Torres in a statement. ***(PR)***

Guam seminar on minimum wage impacts

The University of Guam's Regional Center for Public Policy will be hosting a research seminar on the topic of minimum wage impacts on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, from 11am to 1pm, at the main ballroom of Hyatt Regency Guam. The cost to attend the seminar is $22. Refreshments to be provided.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Roseann Jones, professor of economics at the University of Guam with a presentation titled "Another Look at Minimum Wage: Current, Past, and Future."

Minimum wage is making headlines again—this time with a bit of good news about jobs, the economy, and wages. The average wage of lower income workers in the United States has increased by 6 percent, with a forecast that job stability will continue in the near term. Guam is also taking another look at minimum wage, with senators introducing a bill on May 13 to raise Guam's minimum wage to $8.75 per hour by March 1, 2020, and to $9.25 by March 1, 2021.

This presentation offers a look at the national discussion, a reflection on Guam's minimum wage at $8.25, and the outlook for minimum wage at $9.25. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation.

To RSVP for the presentation or for any other inquiries, contact Jesse Quenga at 735-2501 or email rcpp@triton.uog.edu. ***(PR)***

EPA: $30M to improve water infra in Pacific territories

SAN FRANCISCO—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced the availability of nearly $2.6 billion in funds to assist states, tribes, and territories with improving drinking water and wastewater infrastructure across the country.

The U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI are eligible to receive a total of $29.98 million.

This funding advances President Trump's efforts to rebuild the country's aging water infrastructure, create local jobs, and ensure all Americans have safe and clean water.

"EPA is delivering on President Trump's commitment to modernize our nation's water infrastructure and improve public health and environmental protections," said EPA administrator Andrew Wheeler. "EPA's $2.6 billion contribution to the State Revolving Funds will enable more communities to make the investments needed to ensure Americans have safe water for drinking and recreation. These funds can also be combined with EPA's WIFIA loans to create a powerful, innovative financing solution for major infrastructure projects nationwide."

"EPA is investing in drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Marianas Islands," said EPA Pacific Southwest Regional Administrator Mike Stoker. "With our Pacific Island partners, we'll continue to improve the safety and reliability of our water resources for all."

This year, EPA is making available across the nation more than $1 billion in new federal funding for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and approximately $1.6 billion in new federal funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. EPA allots a portion of the State Revolving Funds as grants to the U.S. territories and allotments from both the DWSRF and CWSRF are combined into a single grant for each of the territories to be used for priority drinking water and clean water projects.

The Pacific territories are eligible to receive $11.2 million from the DWSRF and $18.7 million from the CWSRF. These funds will provide grants that help drinking water systems install controls to treat contaminants such as PFAS and improve distribution systems by removing lead service lines, and a wide range of infrastructure projects, including modernizing aging wastewater infrastructure, implementing water reuse and recycling, and addressing stormwater.

According to EPA's estimate of national drinking water and wastewater needs, over $743 billion is needed for water infrastructure improvements. The State Revolving Funds to the states, tribes and territories play an important part in meeting this need. Together, the SRFs have provided more than $170 billion. ***(EPA)***

NWS: Isolated rain showers approaching

A small measure of relief is in sight for drought-stricken areas in the Marianas.

According to a post on the Facebook page of the National Weather Service in Guam, its radar is lighting up with showers on approach to the Marianas—for the first time in seven days.

"Isolated showers are slowly working their way in from the east, all associated with that weak disturbance north of Chuuk. We'll have a better chance of showers over the next several days-but likely not a drought buster. However, any rain we get, we can certainly use as drought conditions worsen across the region," the NWS statement adds.

That will likely be the first with measurable rainfall in a week. So far this month, NWS has received only 0.09 inches of rain in Guam. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Northern Marianas Humanities Council
Navigating the Human Experience

Announcement for

BOARD VACANCIES

The Council is a non-profit private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Council's board is comprised of thirteen volunteer members who serve three year terms. The Council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of our CNMI community. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the Council's mission, programs, and activities and to actively participate in fundraising activities.

Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Attending regular Council meetings four times annually;
- Raising funds for Council programs;
- Recruiting community partners;
- Promoting awareness about the Council's mission and its programs in the community;
- Attending Council programs and activities;
- Participating in working committee meetings;
- Evaluating Council programs and activities;
- Reviewing grant applications;
- Providing input about the humanities from various community members, and
- Attending conferences, workshops and other meetings on behalf of the Council.

CNMI residents are invited to submit their letter of interest and resume to Polly DLG. Masga, Chair, Northern Marianas Humanities Council at PO Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950 or deliver to the Council's office located in the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan or email info@nmhcouncil.org For additional information, please contact the Council's Executive Director, Leo Pangelinan, at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at www.nmhcouncil.org.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ADDENDUM NO. 1
ITB19-CIP/OPD-079

"LEASE OF ONE (1) CLASS "I" VEHICLE FOR THE CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT"

May 14, 2019

This Addendum is issued to amend the specifications under mechanical/performance in the Invitation to Bid.

- In the specifications under **Mechanical/Perfromance**:

  - DISPLACEMENT: 4.0 OR GREATER IS CHANGED TO READ ***3.5 OR GREATER***.

All other requirements stated in the Invitation to Bid shall remain the same.

The provisions of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725 and 70-30.3-730 prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks, and Contingent Fees shall apply.

The CNMI Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids or portions thereof, and waive any immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI government.

/S/ ELIZABETH S. BALAJADIA, P.E.
CIP ADMINISTRATOR

/S/ JOAQUIN S. REYES
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

/S/ KODEP OGUMORO-ULUDONG
DIRECTOR OF OPD

End of Anndendum No.1

Staff and family members of Kensington Hotel join Rep. Joel Camacho (R-Saipan) and other volunteers. JON PEREZ

Camacho, Kensington join to finish mural project

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

A mural project covering over 300-foot stretch of concrete guard rails right across the Kensington Hotel in San Roque is finally finished, with E-Land Group Saipan president Matthew Park joining Rep. Joel C. Camacho (R-Saipan) to finish the project last Saturday.

Some Kensington Hotel employees and their employees joined volunteers from the north and the neophyte lawmaker in completing the mural just right across the San Roque hotel.

Camacho, of Precinct 4, said the project was a community effort. "I thought of the project in consultation with my family, staff, and other volunteers. There are a lot of people that put in their ideas in the overall planning for this project."

"They said that each village must be represented," he said. "…the Ayuyu of Kagman High School, the Binadu of Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, and the Tataga of Tanapag Middle School can also be seen, along with some inspirational words."

Volunteers painted the longer side of the concrete railings with a botanical theme, showing different types of plants, flowers, and some fruits. It's a bit more cultural and historic on the other side, with images of local kids garbed in traditional attire.

Camacho said that they wanted the mural to be colorful and vibrant. "So when you're passing by, you can see the colors and it is more attractive that way. Also, if you're having a bad day, stop for a while, look at the railing, and read some words of inspiration."

"This could be another tourist attraction where people can take selfies, but we advise them to be careful while on the road. [Do not] just stop along the road. That's not the idea. Hopefully, they will park somewhere safe, get down from their car, and walk toward where the mural is located," he said.

"I've been getting feedback from some people that they are concerned about some motor vehicles stopping in the middle of the road and people taking pictures. Hopefully, [Department of Public Safety] officers would be around for enforcement and let the public know they can't do that, and give them a warning."

Kensington Corporate Social Responsibility facilitator, Lindsey Ahn, said they were already thinking about helping when Camacho called them up. "Congressman Joel said he was looking for someone that he can talk to at Kensington. So, I called him up. He was actually seeking donation for the paint and supplies. Of course, we're willing to do that but we thought the project was great, so we wanted to be involved. We donated the paint and asked if we can also join the program."

She added that this is part of Kensington's community service. "It is a beautification project near our hotel. It will not only benefit the local community, but also us [Kensington], and our tourists and guests."

Rep. Joel Camacho (R-Saipan) gets his hands dirty in painting a portion of the over 300-foot long concrete barriers just outside Kensington Hotel. JON PEREZ

Youth volunteers lend their painting skills in completing the mural. JON PEREZ

Kilili: $205M reserved for Marianas, Samoa recovery

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) announced yesterday a set-aside of at least $205 million in disaster grants for the Marianas and American Samoa.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development notified Congress that it was holding the funds in reserve for the two insular areas pending additional analysis of recovery needs next month. HUD expects to make the final allocation by Aug. 30.

"This is the first time to my knowledge the Marianas will be eligible for Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery," Sablan said. "We are familiar with assistance that [the Federal Emergency Management Agency] and other federal first responders provide, but CDBG-DR goes beyond the short-term need to keep people safe and get services up and running after a disaster.

"After the first responders have done their work, CDBG-DR takes over to help with the long-term needs a community has to get back on its feet. That can mean housing and other infrastructure," he said.

"Importantly, the grant funds can also be used to help revive the economy," Sablan added, "and for the local cost-share of FEMA's public assistance."

The local cost-share to match FEMA grants will be especially useful now that the Commonwealth government is losing revenues and putting austerity measures in place.

Congress appropriated the CDBG-DR money in last year's Public Law 115-254 to help those areas struck by typhoons, hurricanes, and wildfires in 2018. Of the $1.7 billion provided in that law California, Florida, and North Carolina will get base allocations of $492 million, $448 million, and $337 million, respectively. Four other states are eligible for an average $49 million each, HUD announced today.

Prior to getting a grant, a state or territory must submit a plan for the use of CDBG-DR funds and have the plan approved. HUD must also certify the grant recipient has in place an adequate system of financial controls and procurement processes. Up to five percent of the grant funds may be used to ensure proper grant management.

"This is just the first of the money I have been working on in Congress for Marianas disaster recovery," Sablan added. "On Friday, the House passed an appropriation bill with another $2.2 billion of CDGB-DR funds that can be used by communities like ours hit by disasters in 2018, as well as over $100 million specifically set aside for the Marianas.

"Now, we are waiting for the Senate to take action."

The House passed a disaster aid bill in January with CDBG-DR and other recovery money. The Senate has not acted on that bill, however, because President Trump opposes funding in it for Puerto Rico. ***(PR)***

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/s/ ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC IFB 19-003

Repair/Rebuild damaged sections of the CREES Agricultural Equipment Facility, Tinian

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of construction services for the Repair/Rebuild damaged sections of the CREES Agricultural Equipment Facility, Tinian.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. O, commencing Monday, April 15th between the hours of 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may request a copy of the IFB via email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., May 15, 2019, CNMI date and time at the Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. O, Saipan, MP 96950. You may request a copy of the NMC IFB 19-003 packet attention Anita Camacho at email anita.camacho@marianas.edu.

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In accordance with Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is not available to local businesses for this procurement.

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bid offers for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College. All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

/s/ Anita Camacho
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Filipino singer to topbill Guam and Saipan concerts for a cause

Jun Polistico, an icon of Philippine music dubbed the "Frank Sinatra of the Philippines," will be the the main performer in a charity concert organized by the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance.

The Guam concert will be held on June 14, 2019 (Friday, 7pm to 10pm) at Micronesian Ballroom, Hilton Guam Resort in Tumon, Guam. The concert is being staged in collaboration with The Mayors' Council of Guam.

The Saipan leg of the concert will be on June 23, 2019 (Sunday, 7pm to 10 pm) at Hibiscus Hall, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, in collaboration with the Asian Community of the CNMI and with Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan as a major sponsor.

Polistico is a Philippine-born singer who currently performs at PAGCOR Hotel and Casino, in corporate functions, and charity events in the Philippines.

Proceeds of the Guam event will benefit the Senior Citizens' Centers of 19 villages in Guam, repairs of the San Jose Parish Church which was severely damaged during Super Typhoon Yutu in October 2018, and for medical missions in the Philippines.

For the Saipan event, proceeds will benefit Yutu victims on Saipan and Tinian, repairs of the San Antonio Parish Church on Saipan and for medical missions in the Philippines.

The U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance is a non-profit organization and has several chapters in the U.S. and its territories in the CNMI, Guam, and American Samoa.

The USPGG Marianas (CNMI) chapter has been conducting free health screening on a quarterly to biannually basis as well as disease prevention fora in the CNMI for the past nine years.

Ticket prices for the Saipan concert are priced at $75 for VIP, and $50 for general admission.

Ticket outlets for the Saipan concert are the following:

- LBC Mabuhay Saipan Chalan Laulau Branch - (670) 234-9013
- LBC Mabuhay Saipan Garapan Branch - (670) 233-5605
- YCO Hardware - (670) 233-9261
- National Office Supply - (670) 234-3197; 234- 9198; 234-3199
- Ed Ventures Tax Pro- (670) 235- 0506
- Marianas Printing - (670) 234- 6039; 234-6259
- APEX Remittance Center- (670) 235-5006

For more information on the concert and ticket inquiries on Saipan, call (670)483-7316. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ChaCha Ocean View to release progress reports

ChaCha Ocean View Middle School will be distributing your child's 4th quarter Mid-Progress Report this Thursday, May 16, 2019, from 4pm to 6pm in your child's homeroom. Call the school at 664-4102 if you have any question or concerns. ***(PR)***

Taste of the Marianas this Saturday

The 21st Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden will be held every Saturday in May at American Memorial Park beginning at 6pm. This Saturday, May 18, six contenders will take on a mystery celebrity food fighter in the J's Fried Rice Eating Contest at 7pm.

Entertainment will include Unshakable, Rod Gibson (Australia), Anna Glushko, CNMI Takewondo, Man Antigu, Alan ia, and Baraha Band. ***(PR)***

Mariana Trench: Deepest-ever sub dive finds plastic bag

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An American explorer has found plastic waste on the seafloor while breaking the record for the deepest ever dive.

Victor Vescovo descended nearly 11km (seven miles) to the deepest place in the ocean—the Pacific Ocean's Mariana Trench.

He spent four hours exploring the bottom of the trench in his submersible, built to withstand the immense pressure of the deep.

He found sea creatures, but also found a plastic bag and sweet wrappers.

It is the third time humans have reached the ocean's extreme depths.

The first dive to the bottom of the Mariana Trench took place in 1960 by U.S. Navy lieutenant Don Walsh and Swiss engineer Jacques Piccard in a vessel called the bathyscaphe Trieste.

Movie director James Cameron then made a solo plunge half a century later in 2012 in his bright green sub.

The latest descent, which reached 10,927m (35,849ft) beneath the waves, is now the deepest by 11m—making Victor Vescovo the new record holder.

In total, Mr. Vescovo and his team made five dives to the bottom of the trench during the expedition. Robotic landers were also deployed to explore the remote terrain.

Mr Vescovo said: "It is almost indescribable how excited all of us are about achieving what we just did.

"This submarine and its mother ship, along with its extraordinarily talented expedition team, took marine technology to a ridiculously higher new level by diving—rapidly and repeatedly—into the deepest, harshest, area of the ocean."

Witnessing the dive from the Pacific was Don Walsh. He told BBC News: "I salute Victor Vescovo and his outstanding team for the successful completion of their historic explorations into the Mariana Trench.

"Six decades ago, Jacques Piccard and I were the first to visit that deepest place in the world's oceans.

"Now in the winter of my life, it was a great honour to be invited on this expedition to a place of my youth."

The team believes it has discovered four new species of prawn-like crustaceans called amphipods, saw a creature called a spoon worm 7,000m down and a pink snailfish at 8,000m.

They also discovered brightly coloured rocky outcrops, possibly created by microbes on the seabed, and collected samples of rock from the seafloor.

Humanity's impact on the planet was also evident with the discovery of plastic pollution. It's something that other expeditions using landers have seen before.

Millions of tonnes of plastic enter the oceans each year, but little is known about where a lot of it ends up.

The scientists now plan to test the creatures they collected to see if they contain microplastics—a recent study found this was a widespread problem, even for animals living in the deep.

The dive forms part of the Five Deeps expedition—an attempt to explore the deepest points in each of the world's five oceans.

It has been funded by Mr. Vescovo, a private equity investor, who before turning his attention to the ocean's extreme depths also climbed the highest peaks on the planet's seven continents.

As well as the Mariana Trench in the Pacific, in the last six months dives have also taken place in the Puerto Rico Trench in the Atlantic Ocean (8,376m/27,480ft down), the South Sandwich Trench in the Southern Ocean (7,433m/24,388ft) and the Java Trench in Indian Ocean (7,192m/23,596ft).

The final challenge will be to reach the bottom of the Molloy Deep in the Arctic Ocean, which is currently scheduled for August 2019.

The 4.6m-long, 3.7m-high submersible—called the DSV Limiting Factor—was built by the U.S.-based company Triton Submarines, with the aim of having a vessel that could make repeated dives to any part of the ocean.

At its core is a 9-cm thick titanium pressure hull that can fit two people, so dives can be performed solo or as a pair.

It can withstand the crushing pressure found at the bottom of the ocean: 1,000 bars, which is the equivalent of 50 jumbo jets piled on top of a person.

As well as working under pressure, the sub has to operate in the pitch black and near freezing temperatures.

These conditions also made it challenging to capture footage—the Five Deeps expedition has been followed by Atlantic Productions for a documentary for the Discovery Channel.

Anthony Geffen, creative director of Atlantic Productions, said it was the most complicated filming he'd ever been involved with.

"Our team had to pioneer new camera systems that could be mounted on the submersible, operate at up to 10,000m below sea level and work with robotic landers with camera systems that would allow us to film Victor's submersible on the bottom of the ocean.

"We also had to design new rigs that would go inside Victor's submersible and capture every moment of Victor's dives."

After the Five Deeps expedition is complete later this year, the plan is to pass the submersible onto science institutions so researchers can continue to use it.

The challenges of exploring the deep ocean—even with robotic vehicles—has made the ocean trenches one of the last frontiers on the planet.

Once thought to be remote, desolate areas, the deep sea teems with life. There is also growing evidence that they are carbon sinks, playing a role in regulating the Earth's chemistry and climate.

DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM, TERRITORY OF GUAM, BANKRUPTCY DIVISION

In re: The Archbishop of Agaña, a Corporation Sole
(Archbishop of Agaña)
Case No. 19-00010

YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR GENERAL CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHBISHOP OF AGAÑA

On January 16, 2019, The Archbishop of Agaña ("Debtor") filed for protection under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code.

THE LAST DAY TO FILE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR GENERAL CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTOR IS AUGUST 15, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CHST - CHAMORRO STANDARD TIME).

IF YOU WERE SEXUALLY ABUSED BY ANY PERSON CONNECTED WITH THE DEBTOR, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM BY AUGUST 15, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CHST-CHAMORRO STANDARD TIME).

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim for and associated documents please (a) visit the Debtor's website at **https://aganaarch.org**; (b) call the Debtor's hotline at 1-800-571-0657 or (c) call the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed in this case at 1-800-484-3513.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/DLNR19-RFP-004

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 7, 2019 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

AGREEMENT TO FUND, REDESIGN, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE MARINA CONCESSION ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Department of Public Works through the Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Agreement to Fund, Redesign, Maintain and Operate Marina Concession on behalf of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated 2004 Ed. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing. Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Esther S. Fleming, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

The Scope of Work is available on or after **April 17, 2019** at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 214, Saipan.

A Ore-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Lands and Natural Resources Lower Base Conference Room. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Anthony T. Benavente, Secretary of Department of Lands and Natural Resources no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **May 24, 2019**.

SELECTION CRITERIA: This procurement is made in accordance with §70-30.3-305 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated 2004 Ed. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff – 25%
2. Experience of the firm(s) on similar type projects – 25%
3. Project Approach – 35%
4. Schedule of Completion – 15%

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. Fee proposals are solicited; however, this information shall not be considered in the selection of the most highly qualified Firms. Fee proposals may be used in determing a fair and reasonable price.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, *cannot* submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW/DLNR19-RFP-004"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and nine (9) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 9:30 a.m. local time, **June 7, 2019** to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 9:30 a.m. local time, **June 7, 2019**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to **procurement@cnmidof.net**. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 7, 2019** and may be mailed to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply at P.O. Box 510008 CK, Saipan MP, 96950 AND must be received no later than the close of business, **June 18, 2019**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/ JAMES A. ADA
ACTING SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS

/S/ JACK S. REYES
DIRECTOR,
PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

/S/ ANTHONY T. BENAVENTE
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Taking on America's shameful maternal mortality crisis

By REP. ROBIN KELLY
Tribune News Service

Rep. Robin Kelly represents the 2nd Congressional District of Illinois. She is the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust and co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls.

Last Sunday, we celebrated our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, stepmothers and all the women who love and nurture us.

There were brunches and mimosas, cards and flowers, backyard barbecues, and fancy dinners. It might just be a quick call saying, "Hey mom, I love you." Each family celebrated their moms in their own special way.

For many of us, the days of spending this holiday with our moms have sadly passed. So, we look back with fondest and some sadness while knowing we are still loved by her even if she's gone.

But each year, between 700 and 900 American kids begin their lives without moms. These kids will never know their moms or celebrate a Mother's Day with her because of America's embarrassing maternal mortality crisis. Perhaps most shocking of all, a recent CDC report shows that 60 percent of these deaths are entirely preventable.

While hundreds die, thousands suffer severe health complications that can endanger their lives and limit their ability to care for their families. Recently, Serena Williams and Beyonce have boldly spoken out about their personal experiences with these terrifying complications.

As the mother and stepmother of adult daughters, it worries me that it will be more dangerous for them to have a baby today than it was for me to have them more than 20 years ago. On nearly every other health issue, death rates have declined, except for pregnancy and birth-related deaths.

In fact, America is the only developed nation where the number of women dying continues to grow.

We can and must do better because all mommas deserve the chance to be mommas. So, what can be done?

Last year, Congress came together in a moment of bipartisanship to pass the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act. It standardizes data and reporting so we have a clearer picture of this crisis. However, new mothers are dying now – every day, including Mother's Day.

I've proposed a comprehensive, multi-pronged approach called the Mothers and Offspring Mortality and Morbidity Awareness (MOMMAs) Act.

It starts by expanding what's working. It builds on last year's work to further standardize data and reporting. It also takes the highly successful Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) program, developed by our nation's obstetricians and gynecologists, and grows it. AIM's emergency protocols and best shared practices are already saving mothers' lives in hundreds of U.S. hospitals; the MOMMAs Act

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Recovery opened the gates of hell and let me out

By WAEDYNNE MARATITA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Editor's Note: *The following is the text of the speech the author delivered at her graduation from Drug Court in March 2019. The speech is being published here in honor of May 2019 as Drug Court Month.*

I remembered how humid the night was.

I remembered how I stood barefoot on wet, red-streaked asphalt, staring up into the night sky, wondering how my life turned into a nightmare I couldn't wake up from. I wondered why…why…why was I standing under the rain, barefoot, probably also on various amounts of betel-nut spit, at a gameroom parking lot. Why?

My stomach growled and I winced as a sharp nasty pain shot through me. I shouldn't be starving. But there I was, clutching my stomach because it was so empty. I have a home with warm food and a warm bed to go to. But there I was, choosing to chase the dragon instead. I felt another sharp pain.

Lightning flashed through the sky and light rain fell through the darkness, pelting my oily, sweat-slicked skin. I saw my silhouette through the reflection of a car window and never stopped to realized how much weight I lost or how much my eyes had sunk into my face. My body was having the time of its life cannibalizing itself.

And another sharp pain.

"I can't do this anymore." I pleaded aloud—more to myself than anyone else. But this would not be the last time I put myself through this kind of hell. This would not be the last time I walked through the streets of Garapan barefoot, wondering where I could find food, or my next high, or where I could use the restroom to change or shower.

I endured another year and few months of this vicious and painful cycle before I received my saving grace—incarceration and recovery.

During my incarceration, my body finally had its chance to detox but recovery didn't officially start until I got released from prison and into the Drug Court Program.

The good people of Drug Court stepped in and helped me take responsibility for my actions, to identify what I needed to do to start my journey toward recovery. They provided tools necessary to create an effective relapse prevention plan tailored to my needs. So far, I've been completely sober (drug court time) since June 1, 2017, with my personal sober day being on Feb. 20, 2017. My recovery was never only for myself but for my family and those I hurt.

"I understood myself only after I destroyed myself. And only in the process of fixing myself, did I know who I really was."
—Anonymous

With this said...

To those I hurt, traumatized, or betrayed in the past, I'm truly and sincerely sorry for my actions. I hope one day you'll be able to forgive me. I will never understand the magnitude of pain you had to endure as a result of my actions.

To all my loved ones, most especially to my parents, I never want to put you guys through the chaos of my active addiction ever again. I just have to apply what I've learned and I think I'll be okay. I love you all and thank you for supporting me!

To my good friend, Sussie, thank you for understanding my struggles, listening, and going on our tours of the island and just being there for me as I am for you. I love you girl! *Biba* recovery.

To my other half, Frank, thank you for helping me push through the last few months of the program and motivating me to finish! Thank you for your unconditional support! I love you!

To the Drug Court team and all entities and persons that made the program possible, thank you for opening up opportunities for people like myself who have made poor choices in life.

To my caseworker, Dolores, thank you for your hard work and compassion. I was a convict with a drug addiction but you still saw me as a person.

To my counselor, Grace, thank you for helping me sort through the debris in my thoughts and helping me through my trials. I wouldn't have been able to unlock my potential without your aid. Thank you to everyone else who lent a helping hand through my journey.

Recovery did not open the gates of heaven and let me in. Recovery opened the gates of hell and let me out.

—Anonymous

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Maribahan Tiempu

Bes enkuando, mañguentus hit pot ekonomia. Atan halum guma` familia haf` kinalamteña. Enague` dichu i ekonomian tanu`! Kabales na espehus!

Kuestion: haf` fuetsan monedan familia gi apas nesessidat diariamente? Ñahuñg para apas guma, neñkanu`, magagu, kareta yan otru siha presisun familia? Na ti 15-mit na empleau gumagana suetdun popble pa`gu?

Anog na bahu kinalamten ekonomiata hombre megai empleau rumesisibe baratu na suetdun popble. Inisague mas este gi hiniyuñg Japones `nai madiñgu i tanu` guine gi alacha. Ha lofan todu fiñkasña ya ha diñgu i tanu`. Taya` humuchum ayu na hoyu i ha diñgu gi santatte!

Gi pa`gu kulan man-e`enañga hit haye otru inbetsionistas (investors) para u fan halum. Gi uttimu biahe `nai huli`e pasaheru manunug gi plasan batkun aire puru Chinu manalag halum. Makikilili` paketin niha soba para umakanu` gi hotel. Ti namagof este na tropan bisita! Miskinu!

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**Homlu`:** Mauleg na ekonomia fumañagu mas fiñkas yan cho`chu` `nai humalum tiempun abundansia. Nina` bali monedan familia ni sinapotta diariamente ginen bandan cho`chu` gi bisnis.

`An maribaha, pues kontodu i dos asuntu acha-tumuñug. Tinatiye ni didog na chinatsaga enteru petlas iya Marianas. Menus fondun familia sa` appenas cho`chu` `nai chatsaga i tanu`. Seriosu na chanda gi todu manera. Haf` lini`e miyu ni ekonomia pa`gu? Homlu`?

Fuetsan monedan familia i mas chadeg para un` li`e kinlamten ekonomian i tanu`. `An mamadedese familia pues ti homlu` na ekonomian enteru petlas guine. Estague` obligasion man-sabiun hegsu` I Deni`! Areglu!

Oppan: Gi mismu tiempu mas `agañg palabran "utut" gi katkuet offisinan gobietnu pot menus aduana na sakan. Maseha ti marepara lau guiya este na pinadesi mafanana`an "ha`ilas". Tat tiha bogbug huyuñg kontodu pine`lun apusientu!

Makat na sapet para maseha haye na familia miserapble na pinepble gi ha`anen niha. Ti este na estau dinisehan niha soluke mattu fuetsau pot diskuidun tropan hegsu` I Deni`. Guaha kampu para adelantu guine na patte?

Magofyu` sa` ni unabes `nai inna` chatsaga prohimun mame gi halum pinepble para bai`n fan libianu. In` siñgun haf` i guaha. `An taya` pues inague` guinahan mame, taya`! Magahet na fitme na finana`guen espirituat umataha todu appottunidat intension tailaye. Mit grasias!

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Remediu: I man-mehnalum debi uma-atan haf` chachalaña mana` homlu` tatte i ekonomian i tanu`. Sin este, kase man-ñgaha` hit diariu man-afaisen kau guaha sopblante para fina` katdun atuli gi birada.

Inatisa pinepblen i tanu` `nai humuyuñg Japones yan fiñkasña guine gi alacha. Guaha `nai in` ñgelu` manu `nai gaige chinatsaga? Haf` umatisa man-hanau gotpe ginen Marianas?

Hiniñgog-hu na guaha gi man-ma`gasta sumañgane na achog u fan hanau siña hit sin siha! Diberas? Ni kara` deñgdeñg ti siña ta bende ya siña hit giya hita mismu?

Ni gualu` yan peska trabiha modun antigu na eskalera `nai mangaige hit. Ni ti kori` bentata guine gi dos patte. Este nina` siñata i tai fuetsa na modun ekonomia?

Mientras ke tita estudiadiaye futtunata gi haf` guinefita kase este chita manu `nai mangaige hit pa`gu. Makat para ta banidosuye mantaya`ta. Lastima i appottunidat adelantu gi hilu` kustumbren imbedia ni inipus mamta gi halum tautauta. Siña mohon tana` mansun ñaihon este na kustumbre?

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Si Nana: Gi ma`pus na Dameñgo selebrasion man-nana `nai tana`e sinsiyu na agradesimientu ayu na palao`an i mumattetgue` pot hita gi halum parehu plaset ginefsaga yan chinatsaga.

Mesñgun gi halum todu mattiru, abundansia yan ha`ilas, `nai ha esgaihon i familia pasu pot pasu. Guahu lokue` mit grasias para si nanahu pot todu bendisioña gi halum makat na katsadan linala`. Si Yuus Maase`!

Gueku: Para todu i promesa pot adelantun kualidat linala` familia namanman na guaha 15-mit na empleau rumesisibe baratu na suetdun popble. Ti diskuidu este na chinatsaga lau un` asuntu ni ma-choneg gi un` banda kulan chenut lasarinu.

Haf` kinemprenden miyu propiu ineppe para in` adelanta suetdun popble ni maluñu` gi manadan empleau pa`gu?

Na ti magahet na gaige este na pisu gi mauleg na ekonomia? Mauleg ekonomian i petlas Marianas pa`gu? `An chatsaga, haf` bidan mimiyu para in` adelanta ennau na pisu fuera de "not yet, already!"

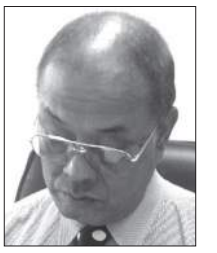
Obligasion miyu para in` alulaye umestudia i asuntu sin ditension. Sinahguan monedan familia dumetetmimina kualidat linala`. Taya` otru fuera ke este! Haf` mohon planun miyu gi mas impottante na asuntun linahyan?

Magahet na ti in` sesiente sapet na pinadesen popble ni in` fafana` diariamente gi tautau ni in` represesenta? Finu` Magoo, "EVERbody home?"

Kau esta pa`gu man-mamaigu` hamyu gi tatten mañgu?

Onrun Natibu: Mana` guaha lugat gi hagas kiosku para umafan ma-onra i man-mofo`na siha na tautauta gume`luye kinalamten para ta gobietnan maisa hit. Lau kulan ñañgon mababan ayu na fasilidat. Yangin pot onru pues debi u chuluñg yan selebrasion `nai offisiatmente mababa para i publiku. Lau ñañgon!

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tree planting support for Pacific Games this Saturday

Each Pacific Games country is asked to plant new trees as an effort and symbol to replace emissions and resources used during the 2019 Pacific Games. The 16th edition of the Pacific Games will be held in Apia, Samoa in July.

The CNMI's Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, Forestry Division, and Parks and Recreation will provide tree seedlings, tools, and support for this on Saturday, May 18, at 8:30am at the Garapan Fishing Base under the MINA banner.

This marks "50 Days Out" until the Pacific Games start and the "Greening of the Games," which will also go single-use and plastic-free in line with the Samoan government's Plastic Ban Initiative that supports a clean environment.

Please join this event in support of CNMI Pacific Game athletes and environment.

Paul Plunkett
Dandan, Saipan

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would leverage federal resources to grow this proven program.

It also uses another proven strategy to prevent future deaths: mortality review committees. These committees examine every tragic death in great detail to prevent future ones. When the City of Philadelphia established one, it cut the number of deaths by 75 percent in just one year. Imagine what we could do with a nationwide committee.

The MOMMAs Act also addresses a bizarre gap in current law that prevents many mothers from seeing their doctor. We know that one-third of deaths occur after giving birth. Right now, moms on Medicaid lose their coverage just 60 days after giving birth. But it takes a woman's body a full year to recover. More than 70 percent of moms will have some complication within a year of giving birth. These mothers should be able to see their doctors and get the care they need.

While we are seeing approximately the same rate of maternal deaths regardless of a woman's income, education level or other demographics, the recent CDC report shows that black, American Indian and Native Alaskan mothers are dying at more than three times the rate of white mothers. My bill directly addresses this disparity by pushing for culturally competent care throughout the care continuum.

This week, the world welcomed Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor, the new royal baby, with great fanfare and good news about the health of mom and baby. I want all moms and babies to have the same experience as the royals.

As you celebrated Mother's Day, I hope you will join me in working to ensure that everyone gets a chance to know a mother's warm love and affection. We can prevent mother's from dying—we know how, the question is do we have the will?

Stressed?

By DAWN MARGARET S. SABLAN
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Everyone has experienced some form of stress in their lives, whether you are a first grader in school, a college student, a stay-at-home parent, a cashier at a grocery store, or an owner of a Fortune 500. Stress is a common part of life. According to the American Psychological Association, stress is your body's natural reaction to any kind of demand that disrupts life as usual. Some forms of stress are good; but most of the time, we are so consumed with stress that it affects our physical and mental health. This is when we need to stop and listen to our body to help relieve the negative results of stress.

When our body experiences too much stress, our body releases chemicals that increases our blood pressure, breathing, heart rate, and also decreases our digestion, growth, and immune system. According to Mental Health America, chronic stress has been linked to our body's ability to fight off viruses – which increases our risk for chronic illness such as heart disease, headaches, sexual dysfunction, diabetes, intestinal problems, and even cancer.

Here are 10 tips to combat the negative aspects of stress:

1) Be realistic: It is okay to say "no"! If you are feeling overwhelmed with your responsibilities, say "no" to new activities or stop doing activities that are not 100 percent necessary. For example, if you are working five days a week, leading a Parents Teachers Students Assiciation group and coaching a sport on weekdays, maybe it is time to step down from one of the roles or ask for more support so that you have time for yourself at least one day a week.

2) No one is perfect: We as a society praise the "superheroes" so much that we tend to forget that it is not realistic. Letting go of the superhero mentality can drastically relieve stress and help improve our overall health.

3) Meditate: A few minutes a day of meditation can help relieve chronic stress as well as increase our tolerance of it. Take time to just be still, to listen to music, read a comic book, relax, meditate, or not do anything at all.

4) Visualize: Use your imagination to envision a better way to manage your stresses.

5) One thing at a time: Make a list of your everyday tasks and check them off one at a time. Seeing items being checked off can be satisfying and be a motivation to keep going.

6) Exercise: Regular exercise is a good outlet for all of the extra energy our body gives off when we are stressed. It is recommended to incorporate at least 20-30 minutes of physical activity each day.

7) Get a hobby: Take a break from everyday worries by doing something you enjoy. Some healthy hobbies include painting, doing puzzles, gardening, watching a movie, or playing video games.

8) Vent: Take time to talk about your stresses. Letting other people know about what you are going through helps you release stress and may help you find better ways to deal with the stress.

9) Be flexible: Compromise, compromise, compromise. Instead of arguing your way through situations, be flexible, compromise, accommodate, and meet others half way.

10) Go easy on criticism: Instead of getting frustrated whenever you don't meet your expectations – be kind to yourself. Instead of being frustrated when others do not meet your expectations, offer helpful suggestions.

May is Mental Health Month, Join Mental Health America and the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. as we challenge ourselves to make changes big and small to improve our overall wellness.

For resources on taking steps for overall wellness, visit mentalhealthamerica.net or contact NMPASI at (670) 235-7273/7274 or visit us online at www.nmpasi.org.

"Fitness 4Mind4Body: Stress." Mental Health America, 15 Mar. 2019, www.mentalhealthamerica.net/conditions/fitness-4mind4body-stress.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers	Partly sunny with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Partly sunny with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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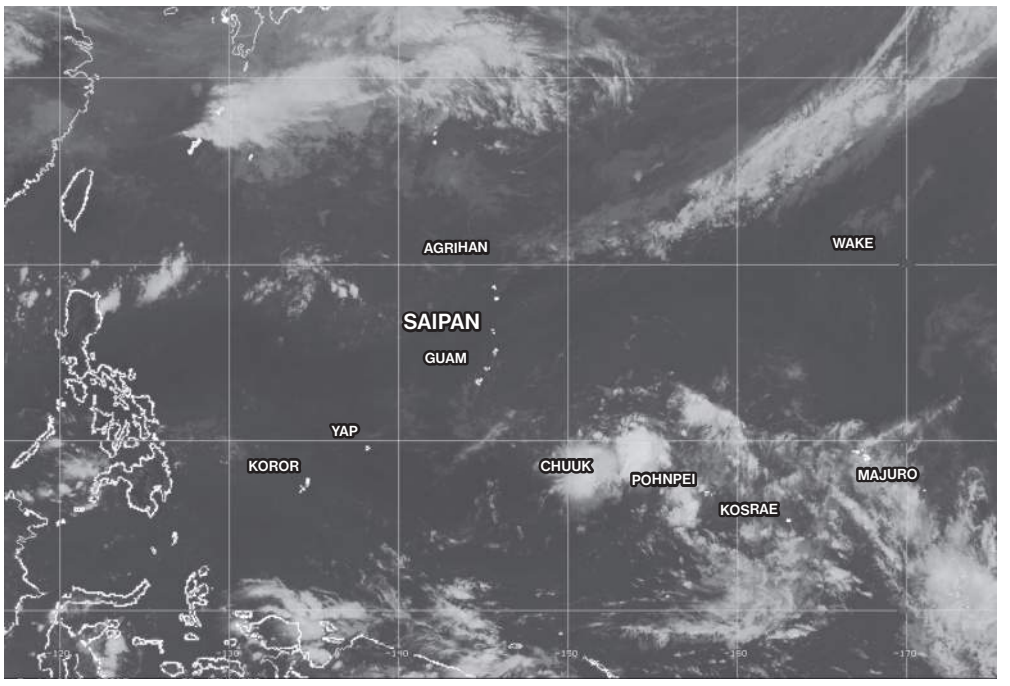

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Isolated showers are seen over the eastern waters of the Marianas with drier conditions found over and northwest of the islands. The weak tropical disturbance we`ve been watching for the past week remains near Chuuk. Satellite now shows some flaring deep convection near the center, which has otherwise been quite lackluster the past day or so.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Yap	Thunderstorms	88° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	63° / 54°
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	91° / 64°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	84° / 79°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	85° / 73°
London	Mostly Sunny	63° / 43°
Los Angeles	Rain	65° / 55°
Manila	Thunderstorms	93° / 82°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	66° / 46°
Miami	Thunderstorms	82° / 75°
New York	Partly Cloudy	70° / 55°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	81° / 64°
Paris	Mostly Sunny	64° / 50°
Busan	Cloudy	73° / 64°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	68° / 50°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	84° / 63°
San Francisco	Rain	56° / 51°
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	88° / 63°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	75° / 59°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	75° / 60°

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

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11:23 AM	LOW TIDE	0.54
5:02 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.83
11:09 PM	LOW TIDE	0.41

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:48 AM	6:38 PM
Thursday	5:48 AM	6:38 PM
Friday	5:48 AM	6:38 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:39 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:39 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	2:56 AM	3:15 PM
Thursday	-	3:40 AM	4:12 PM
Friday	-	4:25 AM	5:08 PM
Saturday	-	5:10 AM	6:05 PM
Sunday	-	5:56 AM	7:02 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:15am	9:56am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 3, 5, 7
7C3451	3:30am	6:30am	4

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ62	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	2, 4, 5
7C3403	5:10am	8:55am	1, 7
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:55am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:10am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7
UA117/159	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:12am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	2, 4, 6, 7
7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	3

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	09:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 3, 4
7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	6, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:55pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA192/174	9:45pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:25pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/174	11:30pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	00:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:25pm	1:20am+1	7
UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/174	10:45pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Leon Guerrero to speak at UOG commencement

The University of Guam will welcome Gov. Lou A. Leon Guerrero as the speaker for its Fañomnåkan Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 26, at the Calvo Field House.

"Governor Leon Guerrero has become a leader in every industry she's pursued—from nursing, to banking, and to public service as a senator and as our Maga'håga," said UOG president Thomas W. Krise. "Her story truly speaks to UOG's tenets of para hulo' and rising above, and we're excited to let her words be the first to inspire our first class of 2019."

Leon Guerrero was the first woman to be elected governor of Guam in 2018 and the first Pacific Islander woman to serve as governor of a U.S. territory or state. ***(PR)***

Kilili adds $9M for Saipan sewer to House disaster bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) has added $8.8 million for Marianas' sewer system repairs with a floor amendment to the most recent disaster appropriation passed by the U.S. House of Representatives.

The bill, H.R. 2157, is based on H.R. 268, which passed the House in January to help areas hit by typhoons, hurricanes, wildfires, and other natural disasters during 2018.

The new bill adds aid for areas struck by disaster in 2019 and gave Sablan an opportunity to increase funding for Super Typhoon Yutu recovery.

Sablan based his successful amendment on updated recovery estimates from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"We set aside $10.4 million in H.R. 268 for water and sewer recovery for areas impact by Super Typhoon Yutu," Sablan explained during the floor debate on his amendment. "But, as happens in recovery situations, preliminary estimates were not completely accurate. When debris is removed, unseen damage is revealed.

"In March, after the House passed H.R. 268, EPA revised its estimate of the cost for repairing sewer systems in the Marianas. But H.R. 2157, the bill now under consideration, has not taken that new, March estimate from EPA into account."

Sablan's amendment passed 268-143. It puts the total for Marianas water and sewer repairs in the new bill at $19.2 million, more in line with EPA's estimates. All "no" votes came from Republicans.

EPA reported the money is needed to upgrade the Agingan and Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plants because of damage inflicted by Yutu. Sablan's amendment will also help pay for lift stations and for backup generators that were damaged by flooding and high winds during the storm.

Both the Agingan and Sadog Tasi plants suffered "catastrophic failure" even before Super Typhoon Yutu, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and may not yet be back in full operation. Fortunately, Section 502 of H.R. 2157 allows for infrastructure to be rebuilt to industry standards, not just pre-storm condition, as is the Federal Emergency Management Agency's normal rule.

Sablan requested the authority to rebuild to industry standards in his initial letter to appropriators in November in which he laid out the need for typhoon recovery aid for the Marianas. The Section 502 exception applies specifically to the Mangkhut and Yutu disasters. ***(PR)***

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Joy Y. Silva dba AJ Machine Shop

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Joy Y. Silva dba AJ Machine Shop is proposing to occupy an existing one-storey building for its fabrication services. This use is classified as "Manufacturing & Processing" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. E.A. 005 I 124 in Koblerville. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2019
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center, Susupe

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office **before 4:30 pm, May 28, 2019**. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Joe E. Ayuyu, Jr., Acting Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

KCG Staff Housing

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. KCG Staff Housing is proposing to occupy a newly constructed structure with 2 studio-type units for staff housing. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 1937 NEW-6 in Chalan Laulau. This area is zoned as Beach Road.

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Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 29, 2019
5:00 PM, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe
Tel: 234-9661 ⊠ Fax: 234-9666 • www.zoning.gov.mp

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 10/04/2018 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments *(not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)*

B. Public Hearings:

1. Conditional Use Application #2018-3838: Joy Y. Silva dba AJ Machine Shop is proposing to occupy an existing one-storey building for its fabrication services. This use is classified as "Manufacturing & Processing" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. E.A. 005 I 124 in Koblerville. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

2. Conditional Use Application #2018-4302: Top Sheng Investment, LLC is proposing to operate a Powered Paragliding business. This use is classified as "Amusement, Outdoor" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 080 A 01 in Marpi. This area is zoned as Rural.

3. Conditional Use Application #2019-0794: KCG Staff Housing is proposing to occupy a newly constructed structure with 2 studio-type units for staff housing. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 1937 NEW-6 in Chalan Laulau. This area is zoned as Beach Road.

4. Conditional Use Application #2019-1348: Rosario Lucero dba Charing's Kitchen is proposing to operate a Catering Service out of their single family dwelling. This use is classified as "Catering Services" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 005 I 441 in Koberville. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

C. Communication

D. Old Business
1. Update on the ATV, UTV, and Motorcycle Regulation
2. Update on Nuisance Abatement and Blighted Property Maintenance Act of 2018

E. New Business
1. Election of Officers
2. Review of Text & Map Amendments to 2013 Saipan Zoning Law
3. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous
a. Other Matters
b. Announcements
c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

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/s/ Joe E. Ayuyu, Jr., Acting, Zoning Board Chairman

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Business

United Airlines' safety video features Spider-Man

CHICAGO—Beginning June 1, United Airlines will launch its latest inflight safety demonstration video featuring Spider-Man in an entertaining mini-drama film. In addition to the safety video, United's broader promotional partnership with Sony Pictures in celebration of Spider-Man: Far From Home, in North American theaters July 2, will include one-of-a-kind Spider-Man: Far From Home-themed Polaris business class amenity kits and unique experiences for MileagePlus members to see the highly-anticipated summer blockbuster through MileagePlus Exclusives.

The video highlights United's enduring commitment to the safety of all our employees and customers who are "far from home". In addition to United employees providing instruction on what to do in the event of an emergency, the video features MileagePlus members who bid miles for the unique opportunity to appear in the video and special appearances by cast members from this summer's highly anticipated film.

"For decades, Spider-Man has consistently shown the importance of using power to do good and to keep the public safe. We also believe that our greatest responsibility is to keep our customers and crew safe on board our aircraft," said United's Vice President of Marketing, Mark Krolick. "We are excited to have Spider-Man and his friends, along with our employees, bring new attention to the inflight safety video and creatively engage customers on such an important announcement."

The video begins with villains entering a corner store and causing 'turbulence' with their disruption to Mr. Delmar, played by Hemky Madera. The deli scene includes a framed photo of Stan Lee, honoring the immense impact he had on the Marvel community. Customers will also notice the recently announced updated United livery displayed on the animated 787-10 aircraft, prior to customers learning the locations of the exits. Next, Peter Parker's best friend Ned, played by Jacob Batalon, shares a scene with United CEO Oscar Munoz as the villains head into a nearby theater to escape Spider-Man. In one of the final scenes, Eugene "Flash" Thompson, played by Toni Revolori, helps to demonstrate that cell phones and large devices should be put into airplane mode prior to take-off. This fast-paced and entertaining video concludes with Spider-Man ensuring that everyone is safe and settled as their journey begins.

On Lee's cameo, Gill Champion, President of Stan Lee's POW! Entertainment went on to say, "Stan loved doing his cameos and would love to know they are continuing, so we were thrilled to work with Sony Pictures and United Airlines to make this happen for both Stan and the fans."

Before United Airlines customers Fly the Friendly Skies, they'll receive a safety briefing from "your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man," show here with a United Airlines crew. UNITED AIRLINES

Beginning in June, United customers traveling in Polaris business class will receive a limited-edition Spider-Man: Far From Home themed amenity kit, which will feature Spidey-branded comfort products including an eye mask, socks, tissues, ear plugs, a toothbrush and a pen alongside luxury skincare products, designed exclusively for United customers. Starting today on MileagePlus Exclusives, members are able to bid award miles on a one-of-a-kind experience to attend the Spider-Man: Far From Home premiere in Los Angeles on June 26. This opportunity will give a member access for two to attend the premiere, red carpet event and afterparty. Members also have the ability to use miles to attend a pre-release screening of Spider-Man: Far From Home in one of United's seven hub cities. For more information, please visit: MileagePlus Exclusives.

Every customer. Every flight. Every day.

In 2019, United is focusing more than ever on its commitment to its customers, looking at every aspect of its business to ensure that the carrier keeps customers' best interests at the heart of its service. In addition to today's announcement, United recently announced that luxury skincare line Sunday Riley will make products exclusively for United customers to experience in amenity kits, released a re-imagined version of the most downloaded app in the airline industry and made DIRECTV free for every passenger on 211 aircraft, offering more than 100 channels on seat back monitors on more than 30,000 seats. ***(United)***

Jury: Monsanto to pay $2 billion in weed killer cancer case

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A jury on Monday ordered agribusiness giant Monsanto Co. to pay a combined $2.055 billion to a couple claiming that the company's popular weed killer Roundup Ready caused their cancers.

The jury's verdict is the third such courtroom loss for Monsanto in California since August, but a San Francisco law professor said it's likely a trial judge or appellate court will significantly reduce the punitive damage award.

The state court jury in Oakland concluded that Monsanto's weed killer caused the non-Hodgkin's lymphoma Alva Pilliod and Alberta Pilliod each contracted. Jurors awarded them each $1 billion in punitive damages in addition to a combined $55 million in compensatory damages.

Alberta Pilliod, 76, said after the verdict that she and her husband, Alva, have each been battling cancer for the last nine years. She says they are unable to enjoy the same activities they participated in before their cancer diagnosis.

"It changed our lives forever," she said. "We couldn't do things we used to be able to do, and we really resent them for that."

One of the Pilliods lawyers, Michael Miller, conceded that the $2 billion punitive damage award was likely to be reduced on appeal, but said they are prepared for a long legal battle.

A federal jury in San Francisco ordered the weed killer maker in March to pay a Sonoma County man $80 million. A San Francisco jury last August awarded $289 million to a former golf course greens keeper who blamed his cancer on Monsanto's Roundup Ready herbicide. A judge later reduced the award by $200 million.

The three California trials were the first of an estimated 13,000 plaintiffs with pending lawsuits against Monsanto across the country to go to trial. St. Louis-based Monsanto is owned by the German chemical giant Bayer A.G.

Bayer said Monday that it would appeal the verdict.

"The verdict in this trial has no impact on future cases and trials, as each one has its own factual and legal circumstances," the company said.

The company noted that none of the California verdicts has been considered by an appeals court and that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency considers the weed killer safe.

The EPA reaffirmed its position in April, saying that the active ingredient glyphosate found in the weed killer posed "no risks of concern" for people exposed to it by any means—on farms, in yards and along roadsides, or as residue left on food crops.

"There is zero chance it will stand," said University of California, Hastings School of Law professor David Levine. He said the ratio between the $2 billion in punitive damages and $55 million in compensatory damages is too high. He said judges rarely allow punitive damages to exceed four times actual damages awarded.

Some employers left short-staffed after visa program changes

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP)—Some eastern Idaho businesses are struggling to find seasonal workers under new, stricter visa rules for non-agricultural workers.

"It's been very difficult to deal with," Mandi Wilkinson, a controller for MD Nursery and Landscaping, told the Post Register . "Do we take on new work? Do we have to cancel some of the work we already have?"

Companies like MD Nursery had been allowed to bring back their previous foreign workers each year without counting them among the total number of visas issued. But now they can't use that returning worker exemption, and instead have to prove they've first tried to hire workers from the United States before they can be issued new H-2B visas.

The visas are issued by the Department of Labor in two allotments each year. Each round of visas allows 33,000 seasonal workers into the country.

MD Nursery and Landscaping, which does business in Driggs, Idaho, and Jackson, Wyoming, applied for 62 foreign workers through the visa program this year but didn't get any. With employment remaining at historically low levels in the region, finding summer workers has been especially difficult.

Landscaping companies cite a variety of reasons that local workers have been harder to come by. Tim Jones, an immigration worker based in Idaho Falls, said the growing demand for foreign workers coincided with the decline of the unemployment rate in the U.S. over recent years, meaning fewer domestic workers were available. Meanwhile, many of the people who need seasonal jobs took jobs in national parks and resorts rather than going into landscaping.

"You can't find full-time workers around here that want to work for eight months with a shovel all day," Seasons West Landscaping Manager Bart Prestwich said.

Seasons West Landscaping received 10 visa workers during the second round of visas last July. This spring Prestwich's company applied again, but didn't get any.

"Everyone is looking for help, and they can't find it," he said.

MD Nursery has turned to another source of workers as a stopgap: Puerto Rico. Earlier this spring the company worked with Martin Recruiting Services to fly eight Puerto Rican workers to Idaho to help cover the shifts that would have gone to visa workers.

Martin Recruiting Services founder Clay Martin says his company has brought thousands of workers from the U.S. territory to companies in the mainland U.S. over the last three years. This year has seen a huge spike in demand, he said.

Nation

3 dead, 3 missing after small tour planes collide in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Three people were killed after two sightseeing airplanes carrying cruise ship tourists collided in midair Monday near a southeast Alaska town, the Coast Guard said.

Three others remaining missing after the collision near Ketchikan, Coast Guard Lt. Brian Dykens said.

The floatplanes collided under unknown circumstances, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Allen Kenitzer said in an email to The Associated Press. Floatplanes have pontoons mounted under the fuselage so they can land on water.

Eleven people were inside Taquan Air's single-engine de Havilland Otter DHC-3 when it went down. Ten were taken to a Ketchikan hospital.

All patients were in fair or good condition, according to Marty West, a spokeswoman for PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center.

The passengers were off the cruise ship Royal Princess were on sightseeing flights, one which was operated by Taquan Air. A spokeswoman for the flightseeing company said Taquan has suspended operations while federal authorities investigate the deadly crash.

AP

Emergency response crews transport an injured passenger to an ambulance at the George Inlet Lodge docks, Monday, May 13, 2019, in Ketchikan, Alaska.

"We are devastated by today's incident and our hearts go out to our passengers and their families," Taquan said in a statement. "At this time, we are in the midst of an active crisis response, and our focus is on assisting these passengers, the pilot, our staff, their families and loved ones, and first responders."

The three people who died were among five people aboard the second plane, a single-engine de Havilland DHC-2 Beaver, according to Dykens.

Cindy Cicchetti, a passenger on the Royal Princess cruise ship told the AP that the ship captain announced that two planes were in an accident Monday. She said the ship is not leaving as scheduled and there weren't any details as to how the accident will affect the rest of the trip.

The FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating.

Weather conditions in the area on Monday included high overcast skies with 9 mph (14 kph) southeast winds.

Victims of clergy abuse to sue Vatican, seek abusers' names

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Five men who say they were sexually abused by Roman Catholic priests when they were minors are planning to sue the Vatican and are demanding the names of thousands of predator priests they claim have been kept secret by the Holy See.

In a Monday news release announcing the lawsuit, Minnesota attorney Jeff Anderson said he wants to show that the Vatican tried to cover up actions by top church officials including former St. Paul-Minneapolis Archbishop John Nienstedt. The lawsuit being filed Tuesday seeks the release of 3,400 names of priests who were referred to the Vatican for "credible cases of abuse." That number was released by the Vatican in 2014.

The lawsuit comes less than a week after Pope Francis issued a groundbreaking new church law requiring all Catholic priests and nuns worldwide to report clergy sexual abuse and cover-ups by their superiors to church authorities. The law is part of a new effort to hold the Catholic hierarchy accountable.

But the new law stops short of requiring the crimes to be reported to police, and abuse victims and their advocates say it's not enough since it essentially tasks discredited bishops who have mishandled abuse for decades with policing their own.

The plaintiffs in the new lawsuit include three brothers who were abused by former priest Curtis Wehmeyer as recently as 2012 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Wehmeyer pleaded guilty to criminal sexual conduct and child pornography in connection with his contact with two of the boys, who were 12 and 14. The brothers are not named in the press release.

Internal church documents show that church leaders knew Wehmeyer had engaged in sexual misconduct when they promoted him in 2009. The behavior included at least two occasions when Wehmeyer solicited men for sex. Yet, church leaders did not warn Wehmeyer's parishioners about his past, and a July 2014 church memo raised concerns that Nienstedt's "social relationship" with Wehmeyer had clouded his judgment.

Wehmeyer's arrest led prosecutors to file criminal charges against the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis for failing to protect children. It also led to the resignation of Nienstedt, who came under fire for his handling of Wehmeyer's case at a time when his own sexual behavior was under scrutiny. Nienstedt was investigated following credible allegations that he engaged in misconduct and harassment, then retaliated when his advances were rejected. Nienstedt has denied the allegations, calling them "entirely false."

His successor, Archbishop Bernard Hebda, said last December that the Vatican suspended the investigation when Nienstedt resigned in 2015. And while Nienstedt remains in good standing with the Vatican, Hebda has forbidden him from exercising public ministry in his archdiocese.

Messages left with the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and the papal nuncio in Washington, D.C. were not returned Monday. An email sent to Nienstedt went unanswered.

The other plaintiffs are, Manuel Vega, a California man who says he was abused by a priest in Los Angeles, and James Keenan, who says he was sexually abused by a priest in Minnesota.

Former US President Jimmy Carter has surgery for broken hip

ATLANTA (AP)—Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter broke his hip Monday at his south Georgia home when he fell while leaving to go turkey hunting, a spokeswoman for the Carter Center said.

The 94-year-old former president was treated in Americus, Georgia, near his home in Plains, and was recovering comfortably after successful surgery, spokeswoman, Deanna Congileo, said in a statement.

His wife of 73 years, Rosalynn, was with him, Congileo said.

In an indication Carter was in good spirits, Congileo said Carter's main concern was that he had not reached his limit on turkeys with the shooting season ending this week.

"He hopes the State of Georgia will allow him to roll over the unused limit to next year," the statement said.

In a Tweet, President Donald Trump wished Carter a speedy recovery, saying the former president was in great spirits when they spoke recently.

"He will be fine," Trump said.

In March, Carter became the longest-living chief executive in U.S. history, exceeding the lifespan of former President George H.W. Bush, who died Nov. 30 at the age of 94 years, 171 days.

AP

In this Sept. 18, 2018 file photo, former President Jimmy Carter speaks during a news conference, in Plains, Ga.

The milestone came despite a cancer diagnosis more than three years earlier. Carter disclosed in 2015 that he had melanoma that had spread to his liver and brain. He received treatment for seven months until scans showed no sign of the disease.

"I've had a wonderful life," he said at the time he revealed the cancer. "I've had thousands of friends, I've had an exciting, adventurous and gratifying existence."

Carter's legacy since leaving office has long overshadowed his rocky White House tenure, where he lost after one term amid a U.S. hostage crisis with Iran. He and Rosalynn founded the Carter Center in Atlanta in 1982 to focus on global human rights issues.

The center has monitored elections around the world and worked to resolve conflicts and eradicate disease, including guinea worm.

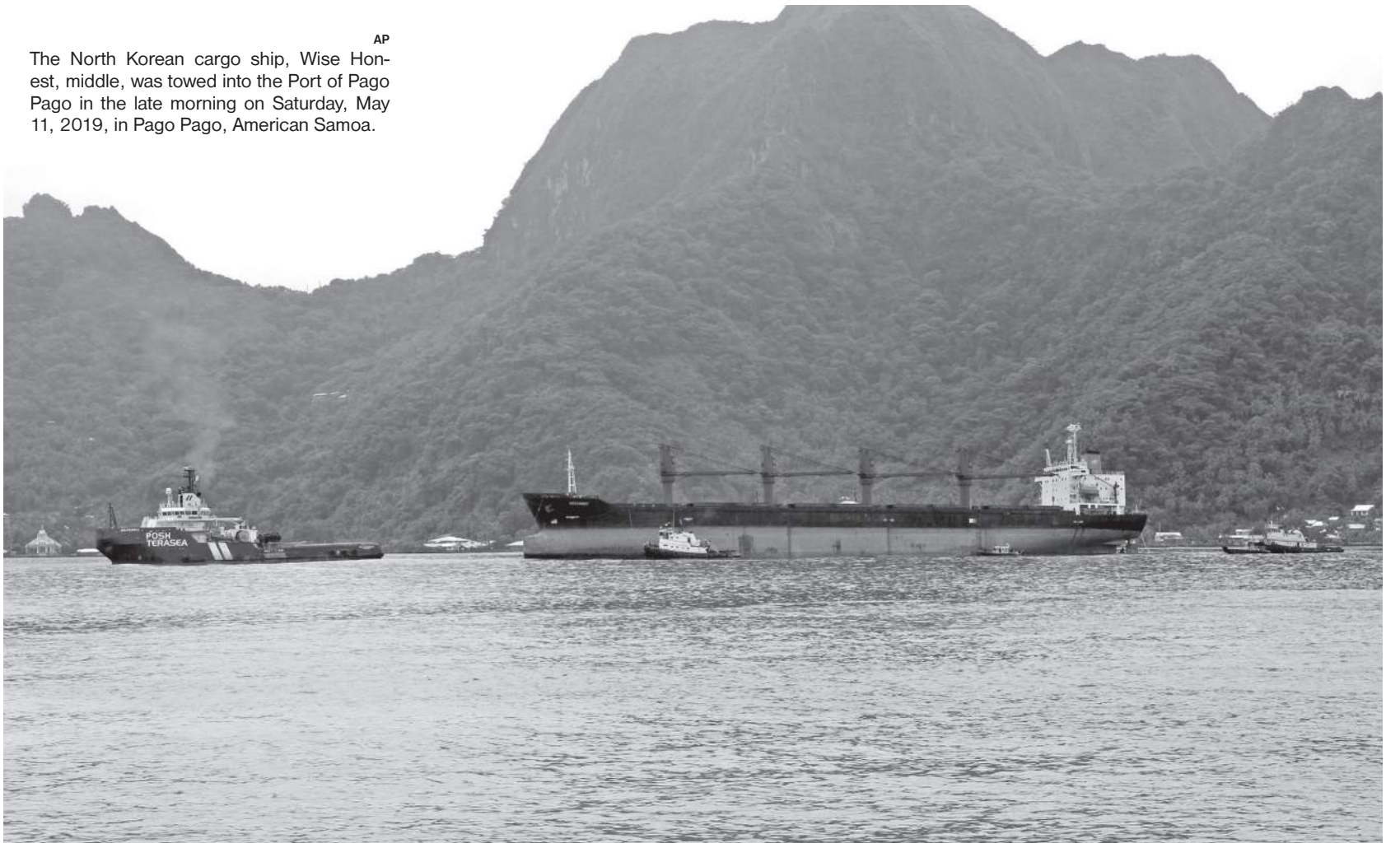
The former president and first lady still live in Plains, a town of about 750 where they were born, raised and married.

A devout Christian, Carter regularly teaches Sunday school at Maranatha Baptist Church, drawing hundreds of visitors to Plains for each session.

Asia

N. Korea demands return of cargo ship seized by US

AP



The North Korean cargo ship, Wise Honest, middle, was towed into the Port of Pago Pago in the late morning on Saturday, May 11, 2019, in Pago Pago, American Samoa.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea on Tuesday called the U.S. seizure of a North Korean cargo ship involved in banned coal exports a "robbery" and demanded that the vessel be returned immediately.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency, or KCNA, carried a statement by an unnamed foreign ministry spokesman who accused the United States of betraying the spirit of a summit agreement last June between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump.

Kim and Trump agreed then to a vague statement calling for a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula and improved bilateral ties, but a second meeting between the leaders collapsed in February over mismatched demands in sanctions relief and disarmament.

The seizure of the cargo ship, which was announced last week, came at a delicate moment in U.S.-North Korean ties, with North Korea resuming weapons tests that seem meant to force the United States to ease sanctions.

"The U.N. Security Council resolutions the United States mentioned as one of the reasons for robbing our trade vessel equate to a violent infringement of the sovereignty of our country and we have been entirely rejecting them," the KCNA statement said. "The United States should carefully consider what kind of consequences their daylight robbery could bring to the political situation and should send back our vessel without hesitation."

Before the United States seized the cargo ship, the 177-meter (581-foot) vessel, named the Wise Honest, had first been detained by Indonesia in April 2018 while transporting a large amount of coal. It was brought Saturday to American Samoa, where it will undergo inspections.

North Korea is banned from exporting coal under U.N. sanctions toughened in 2017 to punish increasingly powerful weapons tests that year. Experts believe coal and other mineral exports help finance the North's weapons industry.

Sri Lanka imposes curfew, blocks social media amid violence

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Sri Lanka's government imposed a nationwide curfew Monday and temporarily blocked social media following a flare-up of communal violence in apparent response to last month's Easter attacks that killed more than 250 people, officials said.

Acting police chief C.D. Wickramaratne said the violence started with a few shops being stoned in the North Western town of Kuliyapitiya on Sunday. It was soon brought under control, but on Monday mobs carried out violence on a bigger scale, he said.

"This small group must stop the dangerous game they play against the lives and property of innocent people," Wickramaratne said in a televised statement. "We won't allow the country being led to anarchy by those who impose their strength on unarmed, innocent civilians."

He warned that those arrested for breaching the law could be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison.

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said in a speech to the nation that security forces had brought the violence under control but the government decided to impose the curfew to stop the violence from spreading to other parts of the country.

Police said the curfew would be enforced until further notice in the country's North Western region, and until Tuesday morning in the rest of the nation.

Tensions have been running high in the Buddhist-majority Indian Ocean island nation since the attacks by seven suicide bombers who struck two Catholic and one Protestant church and three luxury hotels. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attacks, carried out by a local radicalized Muslim group.

Muslims have been subjected to hate comments since the Easter Sunday bombings.

The government imposed the social media ban after an exchange of accusations between two people on Facebook led to a mob to attack a Muslim-owned shop Sunday in the Catholic-majority town of Chilaw, said Nalaka Kaluwewa, the chief of the Information Department.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Unofficial tally shows Duterte allies winning big in polls

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—An unofficial vote count of the Philippine midterm elections shows President Rodrigo Duterte's allies with an overwhelming lead in the race for the Senate, which the opposition regards as one of the last bulwarks against a brash populist leader accused of massive human rights violations. Preliminary Commission on Election figures seen Tuesday show at least eight candidates endorsed by Duterte leading the races for 12 seats in the 24-member Senate. Those leading include Duterte's former police chief, who enforced the president's crackdown on illegal drugs, a campaign that's left thousands of suspects dead and drawn international condemnation. Monday's vote is seen as a gauge of public support for Duterte, who is midway through the single six-year term Philippine presidents are allowed under the constitution. Official results are expected next week.

UN leader visits New Zealand mosques where 51 were killed

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP)—U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Tuesday visited the two New Zealand mosques where 51 worshippers were killed by a gunman in March. Guterres spent about 30 minutes inside the Al Noor mosque in Christchurch talking to Muslim leaders and survivors of the attacks. Outside the mosque, he told reporters that like many people around the world, he had been moved by the poignant stories of compassion and grace. "I know there are no words to relieve the hurt and sorrow and pain," Guterres said. "But I wanted to come here personally to transmit love, support, and total and complete admiration." Guterres then traveled to the Linwood mosque where he laid a wreath and met with survivors including Abdul Aziz, who is considered a hero for chasing the gunman and throwing a credit card machine and a discarded gun at him. Aziz said he was honored to meet the U.N. leader. "To come here and share the pain with us, it means a lot," Aziz said.

Motorcycle bomb kills 4 Pakistani police near mosque

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistani police say a powerful bomb attached to a motorcycle has killed four policemen guarding a mosque in the southwestern city of Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province. City police chief Abdur Razzaq Cheema says 10 people were also wounded in Monday's bombing. The Pakistani Taliban quickly released a statement claiming responsibility for the attack. The bombing came two days after another insurgent group, the Baluch Liberation Army, stormed a luxury hotel in the coastal town of Gwadar, triggering a shootout that left all three assailants, a special forces soldier and four hotel employees dead. Baluchistan province has been the scene of a low-level insurgency by separatists demanding more autonomy and a greater share in the region's natural resources such as gas and oil.

Thousands protest rape of 3-year-old in Indian Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Thousands of people have taken to the streets in Indian-controlled Kashmir to protest the alleged rape of a 3-year-old girl by a neighbor who lured her to a school bathroom, escalating into intense clashes between protesters and government forces. Top local administrator Baseer Khan said on Monday that police arrested the suspect in a village in Sumbal town and a fast-track inquiry is underway. Police said the girl was hospitalized in critical condition on May 8 but her condition has stabilized. Protests erupted Sunday and spread to new areas Monday after the suspect's family produced a school-issued birth certificate giving his age as 13. The protesters claimed it was a fake birth certificate produced by the family to show him as a juvenile and save him from a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. The protesters said the suspect is at least 20 and worked in a motor repair workshop. The area is 30 kilometers (20 miles) north of Srinagar, the main city in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir.

World

Tankers reported damaged off UAE on major oil trade route

An Emirati coast guard vessel passes an oil tanker off the coast of Fujairah, United Arab Emirates, Monday, May 13, 2019. AP

FUJAIRAH, United Arab Emirates (AP)—As many as four oil tankers anchored in the Mideast were damaged in what Gulf officials described Monday as a "sabotage" attack off the coast of the United Arab Emirates.

While details of the incident remained unclear, it raised risks for shippers in a region vital to global energy supplies at a time of increasing tensions between the U.S. and Iran over its unraveling nuclear deal with world powers.

The U.S. issued a new warning to sailors as the UAE's regional allies condemned Sunday's alleged attack, which the UAE said targeted vessels off the coast of its port city of Fujairah.

Gulf officials declined to say who they suspected was responsible, but the incident came after a pro-Iran satellite channel in Lebanon and Iranian media earlier falsely claimed Fujairah's port had been hit by mysterious explosions.

A U.S. official in Washington, without offering any evidence, told The Associated Press that an American military team's initial assessment indicated Iran or Iranian allies used explosives to blow holes in the ships, including two Saudi, one Norwegian and one Emirati oil tanker. The official, who was not authorized to discuss the investigation, agreed to reveal the findings only if not quoted by name. The U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, which patrols the Mideast and operates from a base in Fujairah, has repeatedly declined to comment on the incident.

The U.S. already had warned ships that "Iran or its proxies" could be targeting maritime traffic in the region. America is deploying an aircraft carrier and B-52 bombers to the Persian Gulf to counter alleged, still-unspecified threats from Tehran.

Citing heightened tensions in the region, the United Nations called on "all concerned parties to exercise restraint for the sake of regional peace, including by ensuring maritime security" and freedom of navigation, U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said.

The scale of the alleged sabotage also remained unclear. A statement from Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih said two of the kingdom's oil tankers, including one due to later carry crude to the U.S., sustained "significant damage." However, a report from Sky News Arabia, a satellite channel owned by an Abu Dhabi ruling family member, showed the allegedly targeted Saudi tanker Al Marzoqah afloat without any apparent damage. Satellite images obtained by the AP early Tuesday showed no visible major damage to any of the vessels.

The MT Andrea Victory, one of the allegedly targeted ships, sustained a hole in its hull just above its waterline from "an unknown object," its owner Thome Ship Management said in a statement. Images Monday of the Norwegian-flagged Andrea Victory, which the company said was "not in any danger of sinking," showed damage similar to what the firm described.

Emirati officials identified the third ship as the Saudi-flagged oil tanker Amjad. Ship-tracking data showed the vessel still anchored off Fujairah, apparently not in immediate distress. The fourth ship was the A. Michel, a bunkering tanker flagged in Sharjah, one of the UAE's seven emirates.

The U.S. official said each ship sustained a 5- to 10-foot (1.5- to 3-meter) hole in it, near or just below the water line, suspected to have been caused by explosive charges. Emirati officials had requested a team of U.S. military investigators aid them in their probe.

Authorities in Fujairah, also a UAE emirate, also declined to speak to the AP. Emirati officials stopped AP journalists from traveling by boat to see the ships.

The incident raised questions about maritime security in the UAE, home to Dubai's Jebel Ali port, the largest man-made deep-water harbor in the world that is also the U.S. Navy's busiest port of call outside of America. From the coast, AP journalists saw an Emirati coast guard vessel patrolling near the area of one of the Saudi ships in Fujairah, some 130 miles (210 kilometers) northeast of Dubai on the Gulf of Oman.

Fujairah also is about 140 kilometers (85 miles) south of the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which a third of all oil at sea is traded. The alleged sabotage caused jitters in global oil markets, as benchmark Brent crude rose in trading to over $71.50 a barrel Monday, a change of 1.3%.

Al-Falih, the Saudi energy minister, said the attacks on the two Saudi tankers happened at 6 a.m. Sunday. He said "the attack didn't lead to any casualties or oil spill," though he acknowledged it affected "the security of oil supplies to consumers all over the world."

It is "the joint responsibility of the international community to protect the safety of maritime navigation and the security of oil tankers, to mitigate against the adverse consequences of such incidents on energy markets, and the danger they pose to the global economy," he said, according to the statement carried by the state-run Saudi Press Agency.

The U.S. Energy Department later said it was "monitoring the oil markets, and is confident they remain well-supplied."

Iraq hunts IS remnants spreading fear in former 'caliphate'

BADOUSH, Iraq (AP)—It was a chilly January evening, and Khadija Abd and her family had just finished supper at their farm when the two men with guns burst into the room.

One wore civilian clothes, the other an army uniform. They said they were from the Iraqi army's 20th Division, which controls the northern Iraqi town of Badoush. In fact, they were Islamic State group militants who had come down from the surrounding mountains into Badoush with one thing on their mind: Revenge.

Around 13 more gunmen were waiting outside. The fighters pulled Khadija's husband and his two brothers into the yard and shot them dead, leaving them in a pool of blood—punishment for providing information to the Iraqi military.

"How can we live after this?" Khadija said. The three brothers were the providers for the entire family. "They left their children, their livestock, their wives and their elderly father who doesn't know what to do now."

A year and a half after the Islamic State group was declared defeated in Iraq, the militants still evoke fear in the lands of their former so-called caliphate across northern Iraq. The fighters, hiding in caves and mountains, emerge at night to carry out kidnappings, killings and roadside ambushes, aimed at intimidating locals, silencing informants and restoring the extortion rackets that financed IS's rise to power six years ago.

It is part of a hidden but relentless fight between the group's remnants waging an insurgency and security forces trying to stamp them out, relying on intelligence operations, raids and searches for sleeper cells among the population.

The militants' ranks number between 5,000 and 7,000 fighters around Iraq, according to one Iraqi intelligence official.

"Although the territory once held by the so-called caliphate is fully liberated, Daesh fighters still exhibit their intention to exert influence and stage a comeback," said Maj. Gen. Chad Franks, deputy commander-operations and intelligence for the U.S.-led coalition, using the Arabic acronym for the group.

In towns around the north, Iraqi soldiers knock on doors in the middle of the night, looking for suspects, based on intelligence tips or suspicious movements. They search houses and pull people away for questioning.

EU calls for calm, warns US-Iran of conflict 'by accident'

BRUSSELS (AP)—European foreign ministers urged the United States and Iran to show restraint Monday amid fears of tensions tipping them easily into armed conflict, while Secretary of State Mike Pompeo briefed his counterparts on the threats Washington sees emanating from the Islamic republic.

The foreign ministers of Britain, France and Germany, joined by the European Union's foreign policy chief, made the appeal after Saudi Arabia said two oil tankers were sabotaged Sunday off the coast of the United Arab Emirates, one as it was heading to pick up Saudi oil to take to the United States.

Washington has warned shipping companies that "Iran or its proxies" could be targeting maritime traffic in the Persian Gulf region and said it was deploying an aircraft carrier and B-52 bombers there to counter alleged threats from Tehran.

European countries that were co-signatories to a nuclear accord between Tehran and six world powers have been racing to salvage the deal since the U.S. pulled out last year. The foreign ministers of Britain, France and Germany, parties to Iran agreement, and EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini, who supervises the way the 2015 agreement is enacted, met in Brussels on Monday.

"We are very worried about the risk of a conflict happening by accident, with an escalation that is unintended really on either side but ends with some kind of conflict," British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt told reporters.

"What we need is a period of calm to make sure that everyone understands what the other side is thinking," Hunt said.

In withdrawing from the nuclear accord, the U.S. said the agreement did nothing to stop Iran from developing missiles or destabilizing the Middle East. The Europeans insist the agreement was never meant to address those issues but has been effective in curbing Tehran's nuclear ambitions.

Tensions mounted last week, when Iranian President Hassan Rouhani gave the remaining signatories 60 days to come up with a plan to shield his country from sanctions imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump after the U.S. withdrew from the deal.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian described the remarks suggesting that Iran might renege on the agreement as "very worrying," given that the EU is still respecting the deal and trying to keep financial supply lines open to Tehran to bolster its economy.

Focus

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Venezuela

exodus raises worries of babies being stateless

AP

Arelys Pulido holds her two-month-old daughter Zuleidys Antonella Primera after she had her feet prints taken for her birth certificate at the Erazmo Meoz hospital in Cucuta, on Colombia's border with Venezuela, Thursday, May 2, 2019. Colombia's government grants newborns like Zuleidys Antonella Primera, born of illegal Venezuelan migrants, full health care during the first year of life and allows them to enroll in school, but experts on statelessness fear that if Venezuela's crisis drags on for years, they could approach adulthood without key rights such as the ability to travel legally, buy property or get married.

CÚCUTA, Colombia (AP)— Arelys Pulido had already lost one baby in a neglected Venezuelan hospital where doctors and medical gear are in increasingly short supply, so when she got pregnant again she decided to give birth in a foreign land.

She packed suitcases filled with clothes and a few prized ceramic statues of saints that she hoped would grant her and her unborn child protection as they passed through one of the perilous illegal crossings into Colombia.

Earlier this year, Zuleidys Antonella Primera was born, a lively girl with dark hair and eyes bearing no hint of the odyssey her mother went through so she could deliver her in a hospital across the border in the city of Cúcuta.

Yet little Zuleidys so far has neither the citizenship of the country her parents fled nor that of the nation where she was born. She is one of a growing number of children born to undocumented Venezuelan migrants in Colombia who have been left essentially stateless.

"It's one more thing to worry about," said José Antonio Primera, the baby's father, a former military officer who now paints motorcycles for a living.

While the children born to migrants qualify for Venezuelan citizenship, they would need to formally register at a consulate or travel to Venezuela to obtain it. Both options are out of the question for many families. They do not want to return until conditions improve and consulates are closed after President Nicolás Maduro severed diplomatic relations with Colombia in February.

Colombia's government grants the newborns full health care during the first year of life and allows them to enroll in school, but experts on statelessness fear that if Venezuela's crisis drags on for years, they could approach adulthood without key rights such as the ability to travel legally, buy property or get married.

Colombia's National Civil Registry counts at least 3,290 children born since December 2017 who have been unable to obtain citizenship. Rights groups contend the numbers could be as high as 25,000.

Even by the lowest count, advocates say, the number of children at risk of statelessness now living in Colombia is worrisome.

"It is a significant number when you think of it being created out of one crisis," said Amal de Chickera, co-director of the Netherlands-based Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion. "And if it is prolonged and if it's not nipped in the bud it can become much bigger."

Nearly 1.3 million Venezuelans now reside in Colombia, about 40% of whom are in the country without any legal status. Colombia has received more Venezuelan migrants than any other nation, and the numbers are not expected to dip any time soon. Even with the border between the neighboring countries officially closed, thousands stream into Colombia each day using the same dirt roads that Pulido crossed while pregnant.

Colombia's constitution only offers birthright citizenship to children who have at least one Colombian parent or a mother or father who can prove legal residency based on visa status.

Many Venezuelan arrivals do not have a passport, let alone a visa. A temporary, two-year visa that Colombia's government has provided as a stopgap measure to nearly 600,000 Venezuelans does not qualify babies for citizenship.

That has left many babies in a legal limbo.

Colombian officials say it is Venezuela's fault that a new generation of children born abroad are virtually stateless, but they are working on finding a remedy.

"We're all in agreement that exceptional measures need to be taken," said Alfredo Posada, a spokesman for Colombia's National Civil Registry.

A government proposal in the works would allow any Venezuelan child born in Colombia since the current exodus began in August 2015 to qualify for citizenship and is expected to be approved in the weeks ahead while legislators are considering a similar bill in congress.

Statelessness first became an international concern between World War I and World War II as the population of those fleeing persecution or excluded from nationality laws rose, said David Baluarte, an expert on statelessness at Washington and Lee University.

The issue caused heightened alarm during World War II when Jews were stripped of their citizenship in Nazi Germany before being sent to concentration camps.

Two United Nations treaties were created protecting the right to citizenship, but today an estimated 10 to 15 million people around the globe are considered stateless.

Statelessness experts say the onus is on Colombia to rectify the status of Venezuelan children born on its territory.

"In the present moment, these children would be stateless in Colombia, so the obligation is on them to grant citizenship," de Chickera said. "That would be a really strict reading of the law, but I think it's important to take into consideration that this is quite an extraordinary moment."

When born in Colombia, the children are given a birth certificate, but it clearly states at the bottom, "Not valid for nationality."

"The fact that the parent is an undocumented migrant shouldn't mean that the child is born an undocumented migrant," lawyer Xiomara Rauseo said.

At the present moment, Venezuelan parents can try going through the courts to get Colombian citizenship for their children, but few have succeeded. Two cases are currently being considered by the constitutional court, said Lucía Ramírez, a coordinator for investigations and migration issues at the human rights non-profit Dejusticia.

Others have tried going through the Ministry of Foreign Relations, which must consider any cases in which a foreign consulate does not provide citizenship within three months. Ramírez said Dejusticia is only aware of one case that has succeeded to date. That child, however, was not born to Venezuelan migrants.

"It's not a pathway that people are using," she said.

At the Erasmo Meoz University Hospital in the border city of Cúcuta, parents clutching newborns stand outside a registry office, eager to ink their children's feet and obtain their official birth record, only to find out the country isn't granting them citizenship.

"The normal thing to do would be for them to all get Colombian citizenship," said Eduardo Bravo, a former police officer, while bouncing his infant daughter in his arms. "We aren't here in Colombia because we want to be. It's out of necessity."

Pulido, 44, first crossed the border into Colombia four months into her pregnancy for ultrasounds she couldn't get in her home country. The journey on foot and over a river on a makeshift canoe wore on her, as did painful memories of her last pregnancy: The child died during childbirth after a usually minor complication. Pulido blames that on Venezuela's worsening humanitarian crisis.

"Several friends died giving birth there," she said. "I had to come."

At eight months pregnant, she packed her bags and left for good.

On a recent afternoon, Pulido and her husband Primera examined the piece of white paper with their daughter's tiny black footprints provided by the hospital. They were at a loss of how to interpret it, at once happy but also confused.

The couple said they didn't care so much about whether Zuleidys grows up Colombian or Venezuelan so long as one of those two countries recognizes her.

"As long as she has rights like any other human being, as a citizen," Primera said.

In the meantime, the family is struggling with a host of equally or more pressing concerns as they try to build a new life abroad. Work has been hard to come by for Primera. The couple sleeps with the baby on a mattress on the floor in an apartment with three rooms that house 13 people. And they still don't have a refrigerator.

The statues of saints that Pulido lugged across the border sit on a concrete cement shelf below reused Pepsi bottles storing water.

"We're in the hands of God," Primera said.

Good Housekeeping

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A kitchen renovation, such as the one in last year's Sunset Idea House in Beverly Hills, generally brings the owner about 50 cents on the dollar when selling.

Why it's best to keep renovations simple when selling your home

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LOS ANGELES—When it comes to selling a home, some homeowners will go to great lengths to boost the value of their property. But do renovation projects translate to big paydays in the real estate market? Not necessarily, Zillow data show.

A mid-range bathroom remodel ($3,000 or less) can bring back $1.71 for every dollar spent, according to Zillow, whereas high-end bathroom remodels see an 87-cent return on the dollar. Kitchen remodels, on the other hand, see only a 50-cent bang per your buck.

A fresh coat of paint, new light fixtures or even light landscaping are less invasive ways to brighten your home's future on the market.

The value of vintage

Tatiana Tensen, Sotheby's International Realty, Los Angeles: One question I always ask sellers when I first meet them is what their budget for renovations is because every house can use a little tune-up before hitting the market.

The first thing I do is make sure we fix any glaring issues that could be non-starters. Hello, popcorn ceilings. Hello, wall-to-wall carpet. I have an upcoming listing with a gorgeous and very prominent roofline. That unique roofline would usually be an asset but it is glaringly apparent that the roof needs to be replaced. It's a big-ticket fix but if we leave it as is, we risk narrowing our buyer pool and selling for a lot less.

Painting can be everything. It is amazing what a couple of gallons of paint can do. Everyone should paint before selling. It sounds super boring but I encourage most people to go bright white in the interior. There are many different ways you can go for the exterior but I have been loving the darker trends these days. Pair that with a lighter door like a pale aqua or peach and people will be pulling out their checkbooks before they even enter the front door.

Updating bathrooms and kitchens can add a lot but understand what you already have and make sure you don't accidentally take out an asset. Nothing breaks my heart more than someone "renovating" a vintage Spanish tiled bathroom. I just want to yell, "Don't touch it—it's perfect the way it is!" Also, depending on the area, people pay a premium for unaltered vintage spaces.

Small details can have a big impact. Think of things like doorknobs, light fixtures and cabinet hardware as the home's jewelry. They are the emotional details that can elevate a buyer from like to love.

Do-it-yourselfers, beware

Debbie Weiss, Keller Williams Santa Monica: My advice is always the same. Less is more, in every regard.

I recently sold a perfectly cute Spanish house that hadn't been touched since the 1920s, except for system upgrades and small improvements here and there, and had all its original charm. The sellers were concerned that the kitchen, which had the original cabinetry and an O'Keefe and Merritt stove, hadn't been updated. I convinced them to clean everything out minus the furniture and let my designer offer suggestions. Follow them and it would sell at top dollar.

The designer came, had them repurpose some of their own furniture and gave some other key suggestions such as painting and power-blasting the deck. Their house had seven offers and sold for over asking. The renovations just weren't necessary.

Alternatively, I had one situation where my clients expected over-market for their home because of the renovations they had done themselves. Although potential buyers liked the house, I kept hearing what they would have done differently. Ultimately, the sellers didn't get the offers they thought the house warranted.

The moral of the story is: If you are doing it for a massive profit, don't bank on a major renovation. Do it for your enjoyment. And if someone else shares your vision and aesthetic when selling? Bonus. Keep your costs at a minimum and focus on clean and move-in ready, zero clutter and it will sell at a great price regardless. This simple strategy has worked for me time and time again!

Positives in a first impression

Jason Insalaco, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Los Angeles: Unless a client is flipping a property, I generally do not advise them to significantly remodel if the primary purpose is to increase property value for an upcoming sale.

Capricious tastes and shifting trends in design and style make it challenging to increase the value through a high-cost renovation. More importantly, when one takes into consideration the time, inconvenience, carrying costs and financial cost of the improvements, the return on investment is rarely worth the risk.

Clients who seek to optimize sales price should consider installing a new garage door, a new or freshly painted front door, planting annuals, spreading fresh wood chips in planters, and buying some potted bowls of bright flowers for the front porch. All of these improvements can usually be had for less than $5,000 and will present potential buyers with a warm and welcoming facade. A positive first impression should increase value by at least 1 percent to 2 percent.

Getting in character

Cari Corbalis, RE/Max Estate Properties, Los Angeles: Each property is different, and each seller has a maximum number they are willing to spend on this.

Sellers almost universally will get their money back on fresh paint and new carpet, but what is really important here is the colors they use. We have walked into appointments before where the sellers have thought they were being proactive and painted the interior of the house all white. All white interior walls are NOT the best sales tactic. The house will look stark and not welcoming.

The popular trend for interior colors now tends to lean toward the light-gray spectrum. Also having accent walls painted a few shades darker adds depth and character. We often suggest painting kitchen and bath cabinets if they are in good condition but simply the old-school orangy oak that was so popular a while back.

Installing new light fixtures is another quick and simple item that can update a home immediately with minimal cost.

The timeless approach

Chris Jacobs, Keller Williams Beverly Hills: First impressions are everything. Curb appeal and landscaping are very important since it's the first thing a buyer sees. Neutral colors are important and the seller has to remember that it needs to appeal to a large audience so skip any sort of "custom" items.

Updates to bathrooms, such as putting in new fixtures and inexpensive tile that looks great, always increase value. Your property will appeal to a much larger crowd when the work is done, and you won't miss out on the buyers who are too busy with life to make renovations after they purchase a home.

I have dealt with clients who spent a lot of money on renovations that meant something only to them. I listed a property in Beverly Hills and the owner had pavers imported from Italy to put around the pool and added high-end fixtures that were a very specific taste. The seller wanted to list the property at a higher price because of the custom items, but it would have been a mistake.

Sellers have to remember that just because these items are special to you, it doesn't mean that other buyers are going to like them. My advice to sellers is to always avoid things that are too custom and always try to go with something that is timeless.

Life & Style

Doris Day, actress who honed wholesome image, dies at 97

Doris Day, the sunny blond actress and singer whose frothy comedic roles opposite the likes of Rock Hudson and Cary Grant made her one of Hollywood's biggest stars in the 1950s and '60s and a symbol of wholesome American womanhood, died Monday. She was 97.

In more recent years, Day had been an animal rights advocate. Her Doris Day Animal Foundation confirmed her death at her Carmel Valley, California, home.

Day "had been in excellent physical health for her age" but had recently contracted pneumonia, the foundation said in a statement. She requested that no memorial services be held and no grave marker erected.

In this April 15, 1955, file photo, American actress and singer Doris Day holds a bouquet of roses at Le Bourget Airport in Paris after flying in from London. AP

With her lilting contralto, fresh-faced beauty and glowing smile, Day was a top box-office draw and recording artist known for comedies such as "Pillow Talk" and "That Touch of Mink," as well as songs like "Whatever Will Be, Will Be (Que Sera, Sera)" from the Alfred Hitchcock film "The Man Who Knew Too Much."

Over time, she became more than a name above the title. Right down to her cheerful, alliterative stage name, she stood for the era's ideal of innocence and G-rated love, a parallel world to her contemporary Marilyn Monroe. The running joke, attributed to both Groucho Marx and actor-composer Oscar Levant, was that they had known Day "before she was a virgin."

Day herself was no Doris Day, by choice and by hard luck. Her 1976 tell-all book, "Doris Day: Her Own Story," chronicled her money troubles and three failed marriages.

"I have the unfortunate reputation of being Miss Goody Two-Shoes, America's Virgin, and all that, so I'm afraid it's going to shock some people for me to say this, but I staunchly believe no two people should get married until they have lived together," she wrote.

A.E. Hotchner, who collaborated with Day on her memoir, said she had a "sweet and sour" existence and never let her personal difficulties "change her attitude toward people."

"She was such a positive, absolutely enchanting woman," he told The Associated Press on Monday. "And she was so loved."

Day received a Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004. Although mostly retired from show business since the 1980s, she still had enough of a following that a 2011 collection of previously unreleased songs, "My Heart," hit the top 10 in the United Kingdom. The same year, she received a lifetime achievement honor from the Los Angeles Film Critics Association.

The Humane Society of the United States, of which The Doris Day Animal League is an affiliate, praised Day as a pioneer in animal protection.

In 1987, Day "founded one of the first national animal protection organizations dedicated to legislative remedies for the worst animal abuse," said the league's executive director, Sara Amundson. Her foresight "led to dozens of bills, final rules and policies on the federal level," which helped end abusive videos, protect chimpanzees from invasive research and regulate the online sale of puppies.

End of 'Big Bang' stirs debate over future of TV comedies

By LYNN ELBER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—In 2006, TV critics swooned over "30 Rock," part of a new breed of comedy that dared to fly without a laugh track and whose ranks included "Arrested Development," ''The Office" and "Everybody Hates Chris."

Then a misfit nerd crashed the party. "The Big Bang Theory" was crafted in the style of 1950s groundbreaker "I Love Lucy," with the requisite studio-audience tapings and recorded guffaws intact. Even some of those making the CBS comedy that debuted in 2007 questioned its chances, said Jim Parsons, who stars as Sheldon Cooper, one of the show's brilliant and socially inept scientists.

"'We're making the last great buggy wagon in the age of the Model T, but the Model T is here. So how long does this go?'" was how one writer framed the contrast between old-school and 21st-century TV comedies, Parsons recalled in a recent interview.

As the enduringly popular series prepares to bow out Thursday with an hour-long finale, the question is raised anew: Will viewers, awash in such creatively bold and sophisticated players as "Atlanta" and "Veep," accept another traditional sitcom? Discounting the resurrection of "Will & Grace" and "Roseanne"-turned "The Connors," can the old-school formula score the new hits it needs to survive?

Who better to ask than Chuck Lorre, who created "The Big Bang Theory" with Bill Prady and whose mastery of the genre has produced winners including "Two and a Half Men" and "Mom," but also makes Netflix's contemporary-style "The Kominsky Method." The Hollywood veteran hedges his reply—"I've been around long enough to know that a prognosis is a really wonderful way to carve into stone how stupid you are. Or arrogant"—then admits to faith in the format known as a "multi-cam," for the multiple cameras used in tapings.

"I still believe that shooting a show in front of an audience is a wonderful way to tell a story," Lorre said. "I don't think the audience watches ('The Big Bang Theory') and counts cameras. They watch the show because they love the characters and it delivers on the comedy."

There's support for Lorre's optimism, said Robert Thompson, a Syracuse University professor of TV and popular culture.

Game of Thrones: King's Landing will rise again

WASHINGTON (AP)—Scorched by a dragon, overrun by enemy soldiers and its buildings reduced to rubble, King's Landing, the capital city in "Game of Thrones," seems destroyed for good. But history suggests that the city could rise again.

Despite the horrifying death and destruction, with enough time, King's Landing could even reclaim its glory as the wealthy hub of Westeros.

It's hard to imagine a bright future when a city is in flames and ash is falling like snow. But that's been the historical pattern. Cities typically grow in places where it makes sense for large numbers of people to congregate—near a river or in a valley—and even harsh wartime attacks don't change that.

That has helped cities, like Dresden, Germany after its World War II firebombing and San Francisco after its 1906 earthquake, bounce back.

In the AP's weekly "Wealth of Westeros " series, we're delving into the latest plot twists and analyzing the economic and business forces driving the last season of "Game of Thrones." This week, the devastation wrought by Daenerys made us wonder how other cities that have suffered widespread destruction have fared.

This image released by HBO shows Peter Dinklage in a scene from "Game of Thrones," that aired Sunday, May 12, 2019. AP

Most have rebounded, though it can take years for a full recovery.

Huffman pleads guilty in college admissions scheme

BOSTON (AP)—"Desperate Housewives" star Felicity Huffman pleaded guilty Monday in the college admissions bribery scheme, the biggest name to do so in a scandal that has underscored the lengths to which some wealthy parents will go to get their children into top universities.

The Emmy-winning actress, 56, could face prison time after she admitted to participating in the nationwide scam, in which authorities say parents bribed coaches, rigged entrance exams or both to game the admissions system.

Huffman pleaded guilty in federal court to paying an admissions consultant $15,000 to have a proctor correct her older daughter's answers on the SAT. She also considered going through with the plan for her younger daughter before ultimately deciding not to, authorities say.

The consultant, Rick Singer, arranged for the cheating by having students obtain permission for extra time on the exams through diagnoses for things like learning disabilities, and then taking the exams at his testing center, prosecutors say.

Still kicking: Ralph Macchio revives 'Karate Kid' franchise

NEW YORK (AP)—After starring in three "Karate Kid" films in the 1980s, Ralph Macchio says he "basically said 'no' for 30 years" to ideas for more.

"It felt better and smarter to leave the legacy alone," said Macchio, who is now 57. He didn't want to "taint the legacy with a short-sighted idea or cash grab."

The "Cobra Kai" creators changed his mind with an idea about a half-hour series streaming on YouTube Premium. It takes place 34 years after the first movie.

Former nemesis Johnny Lawrence (again played by William Zabka) defines down on his luck. He's living in a run-down apartment, has just been fired from his job as a handy man, and he keeps seeing ads for Daniel LaRusso's successful car dealerships.

Lawrence ends up opening his own Cobra Kai karate studio (using the same aggressive principles that he was taught and displayed in the films) and LaRusso discovers it driving by.

A martial arts rivalry is reignited as if it were yesterday.

"You would think some high school nemesis opening up a karate dojo would be like, 'You know what? Let him have his thing' but for LaRusso, it snaps back into yesterday and that's what's fun about the Johnny Lawrence/LaRusso rivalry, is that they push each other's buttons," said Macchio.

AP

In this May 1, 2019 file photo, Ralph Macchio arrives at the Billboard Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

The first season, which launched in 2018, scored 100% on Rotten Tomatoes and its first episode has more than 60 million views.

"I certainly had a feeling that the fan base was out there and that people, if we were able to present it in a smart way, that they would be interested in these characters decades later," said Macchio.

All 10 episodes of season two are now streaming and season three has been ordered.

And, some intrigue for fans: Elisabeth Shue confirms she's been approached to also revive her character, Ali, from the films. (She played LaRusso's girlfriend.)

"I have seen it and I thought it was well done," she said. "I'm thinking about it."

Apple revamps TV app for direct subscriptions to channels

NEW YORK (AP)—Apple users will be able to subscribe to HBO, Showtime and a handful of other channels directly through Apple's new TV app, bypassing the need to download or launch a separate app.

The new capabilities available Monday come ahead of Apple's plan to offer its own original shows, including ones from Oprah Winfrey and Steven Spielberg. Those shows will be part of an Apple TV Plus subscription coming later this year for a yet-to-be disclosed price.

Hulu and Amazon already offer premium channels as add-ons to their regular subscriptions, and both have original shows. Apple is trying to catch up on streaming video to make up for a slowdown in iPhone sales.

Although those channels are already available as part of individual apps for iPhones, iPads or Apple TV, buying subscriptions through Apple will allow users to watch those videos directly in Apple's app.

They'll also be able to download videos to watch when there isn't an internet connection, something not always available through the individual apps.

One catch: Subscriptions through the new Apple TV app and individual channel apps are treated separately. So to get the download feature, users would need to cancel their existing HBO subscription and sign up again through Apple TV. Once they do that, they'll no longer be able to watch through HBO's own app.

The new Apple TV app will also incorporate shows and movies bought through Apple's iTunes store and will introduce a new section with kid-friendly videos.

'Empire' to get 1 more season on Fox amid schedule shake-up

NEW YORK (AP)—"Empire" will return for its final season this fall on Fox—with Jussie Smollett a question mark—and should count itself lucky.

Fox, the lowest-rated network among the big four broadcasters, is hitting the reset button for the 2019-20 season by canceling eight shows and adding 10 new ones.

"Empire" companion drama "Star" is among the goners as the network makes room for an eclectic mix of wrestling, three new animated comedies and a "9-1-1" spinoff starring Rob Lowe.

"We are turning the final season of 'Empire' into a large television event," Fox Entertainment CEO Charlie Collier told a teleconference Monday. "One of the great benefits of announcing a final season is that you actually allow the fans to lean in and have the ending they deserve."

Collier dodged questions about Smollett's future with the show. The actor was accused of staging an attack last January in which he said two masked men beat him, hurled racist and homophobic slurs at him, doused him with a chemical substance and put a rope around his neck. Criminal charges were dropped but the uproar has yet to subside, making Smollett a continued publicity liability for Fox.

When pressed, Collier said there is an option to include him in the series "but at this point we have no plans for that."

UK halts export of 'Lady Chatterley' copy from famous trial

LONDON (AP)—The British government used its powers to preserve the nation's cultural treasures on Monday to halt the export of a tattered paperback copy of "Lady Chatterley's Lover."

The copy of the once-scandalous book was used by the judge in the U.K. obscenity trial of Penguin Books. Penguin was prosecuted in 1960 for publishing D.H. Lawrence's novel about an affair between a wealthy woman and her husband's gamekeeper, a landmark in the frank literary depiction of sexuality.

A prosecution lawyer infamously asked in court whether it was "a book that you would ... wish your wife or your servants to read?"

It took jurors just three hours of deliberation to find Penguin not guilty, and the case is regarded as a landmark victory for freedom of speech and a sign of changing social mores.

The copy used by judge Laurence Byrne contains notes by his wife Dorothy detailing the explicit passages, and a hand-sewn damask bag designed to stop photographers snapping the judge carrying the scandalous tome.

It was sold to an anonymous overseas bidder at a Sotheby's auction in October for 56,250 pounds ($73,000).

The government's decision halts the export for several months to see whether a buyer can be found to keep it in Britain.

Arts minister Michael Ellis said the Chatterley trial "was a watershed moment in cultural history, when Victorian ideals were overtaken by a more modern attitude."

Easy cheesecake recipe is a no-fail family classic

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, you published a recipe for cheesecake, which you said was very good. Well, it was not only "good" -- it was TERRIFIC. As a native New Yorker, I know cheesecake.

I have moved and lost my recipe. Can you republish it? It's the best!

CHEESECAKE LOVER IN DELAND, FLA.

DEAR LOVER: Thank you for the compliment. I'm glad to oblige. My mother made it—with either cherry or blueberry topping—and I have fond memories of raiding the refrigerator with her again and again for "just a smidgen" more! We both carried the sweet tooth gene, and I have many delightful memories of her dinner and dessert recipes, which comprise the Dear Abby cookbooklet set. Mama was a talented hostess and prepared them for dinner parties (so have I). For readers interested in ordering the set, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $16 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby—Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. In addition to the recipes, there are tips on entertaining, and anyone who hasn't entertained before should be sure to read them. By following the suggestions, even the most nervous first-time host or hostess can be confident.

I hope you will enjoy making this cheesecake for many more years, because I serve it with pride.

ABBY'S CHEESECAKE

CRUST:

1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs

1/2 cup butter, melted (1 stick)

1/3 cup powdered sugar

CHEESECAKE:

3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened

4 eggs

1 cup sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 pint dairy sour cream (at room temperature)

1 (21-ounce) can prepared cherry, blueberry or strawberry pie filling

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees.

2. Combine graham cracker crumbs, powdered sugar and melted butter. Press into bottom of 8-inch springform pan.

3. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese, eggs, sugar and vanilla until smooth. Pour mixture over prepared crust.

4. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes (until center is set).

5. Remove from oven and spread sour cream on top of cheesecake. Return to oven and bake an additional 5 minutes.

6. Remove from oven and allow to cool. Spread desired topping on cheesecake.

7. Chill overnight. Before serving, carefully remove sides from pan. Serves 16.

DEAR ABBY

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Tip: To minimize cracking, place shallow pan half full of hot water on lower rack of oven during baking. And be sure the sour cream is at room temperature when you spread it on.

DEAR ABBY: I am a senior who is confused by what seems to be a new rule of etiquette that one should never, ever comment on another's appearance. Does it include complimenting someone on a new hairstyle or a new outfit, for example? Please clarify.

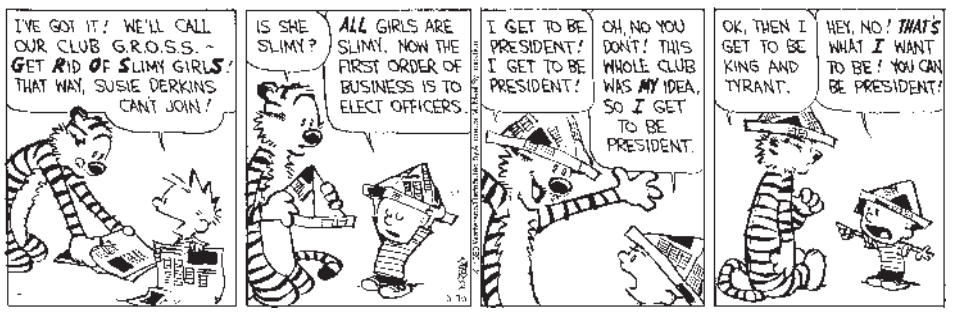
CONFUSED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFUSED: In a work situation, among the subjects that should now be avoided are references to the appearance of a subordinate or a co-worker because they could be construed as sexual harassment. However, in social situations, compliments are usually welcome.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


I'VE GOT IT! WE'LL CALL OUR CLUB G.R.O.S.S. - GET RID OF SLIMY GIRLS! THAT WAY, SUSIE DERKINS CAN'T JOIN!
IS SHE SLIMY?
ALL GIRLS ARE SLIMY. NOW THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO ELECT OFFICERS.
I GET TO BE PRESIDENT! I GET TO BE PRESIDENT!
OH, NO YOU DON'T! THIS WHOLE CLUB WAS MY IDEA, SO I GET TO BE PRESIDENT.
OK, THEN I GET TO BE KING AND TYRANT.
HEY, NO! THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO BE! YOU CAN BE PRESIDENT!

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By Bryan Basset

ANY BOOK IDEAS YET?
NOPE.
WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU FALL ASLEEP UNDER THE OL' THINKIN' TREE?
THAT'S WHAT WE IN THE BUSINESS CALL "A WIN"
WOW. YOU WIN A LOT.
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5-15

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Release money
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8 Wife of Zeus
12 "Born Free" lioness
13 Billboards
14 Elliptical
15 Region of northern Italy
17 Breathing (Abbr.)
18 Start a round
19 Aviary noises
21 Irish actor Stephen
22 Visibility hindrance
23 Arced tennis shot
26 Like some humor
28 Avoids work
31 Gumbo or bisque, e.g.
33 Work unit
35 Minn. neighbor
36 Writer Lessing
38 Pouch
40 "Rah!"
41 Metric measure
43 — Alamos
45 Big lizard
47 Of the lower back
51 Gasp for air
52 Show hosted by Alex Trebek
54 Shoppe description
55 "Alley —"
56 Faction
57 Calendar squares
58 ICU workers
59 Pianist Myra

DOWN

1 Karate level
2 Skin soother
3 "Woe —!"
4 Hard work
5 Commuter's cash-on-hand
6 Quirky
7 Intimidate, with "out"
8 Where earth meets sky
9 Battery brand
10 Grate
11 Swiss peaks
16 Not many
20 Actor Holbrook
23 "Acid"
24 Tic-tac-toe win
25 French red wine
27 Decade parts (Abbr.)
29 Air safety org.
30 Firmament
32 Pittsburgh team
34 Runs like a horse
37 — Salvador
39 Brilliant stroke
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44 Big hit
45 Apple product
46 Big bash
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53 Long time

Solution time: 23 mins.

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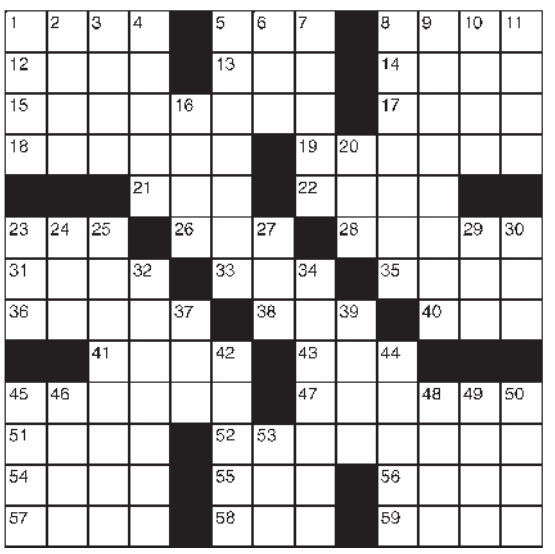

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Alexandra Breckenridge, 37; Jamie-Lynn Sigler, 38; David Krumholtz, 41; Chazz Palminteri, 67.

Happy Birthday: Control will be key this year. Impulsive decisions based on emotions will stand between you and your goals. Take the time to develop your plans properly to avoid jumping into something that may have strings attached. Ask questions, take notes and get what you want in writing. Listen to reason, and walk away from excess and risky ventures. Your numbers are 8, 12, 20, 26, 33, 37, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Personal changes can be made if you delve into something you've been contemplating for some time. Pay close attention to your relationships with others, and do something nice for someone you love. Romance is highlighted and will improve your personal life. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Live and learn. How you deal with peers and relatives will make a difference to the response you receive. Use your charm and common sense to guide others to see things your way. Don't share secrets or personal information. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Everyone has problems, but that doesn't mean you should let others bring you down or treat you poorly. Look for opportunities that will encourage you to be with positive people. Walk away from emotional manipulation and unsavory situations. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Keep moving forward, regardless of what's going on in your personal life. Concentrate on helping others and doing your best to achieve your goals. A partnership should be helpful, not destructive. Aim to make the most with what you've got. ✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Take care of responsibilities before someone complains. Once your chores are out of the way, find a way to relax or get involved in something you feel passionate about. Avoid joint ventures, and don't jeopardize a good friendship. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Set your sights on what you want, and don't look back. How you handle your past or intertwine it into the present and the future will be crucial to the way things unfold at work and at home. Question indulgent behavior. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Ask questions of older relatives or people who may have knowledge of your ancestors or family background. What you discover will open up a world of new interests and opportunity. Understanding your past will help you appreciate the present. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Keep a lid on your plans until you have everything in place. A personal change you want to make can be initiated. How you go about your business will reflect your financial future. Fair play will encourage less resentment and opposition. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Honesty and integrity will be essential when dealing with personal relationships. State facts, and refuse to get into an argument with someone who uses emotional tactics or excessive behavior to pressure you. Don't let upset affect your efficiency. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Listen carefully. You'll have to read between the lines when dealing with a peer, friend or relative. Listen for any discrepancy that can alert you to underhandedness. Make alterations at home that will ease stress, not fuel it. ✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Look over your personal investments or any dealings you have with courts, banks or other institutions. By taking action, you will make your position clear. Someone from your past will offer an interesting alternative. Verify the plausibility before taking action. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Keep life simple. Follow through with your promises, and avoid arguments with loved ones, bosses or anyone who could affect your reputation, status or ability to get ahead. Someone you have worked with will suggest an interesting option. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are creative, helpful and kind. You are generous and energetic.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/15

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

ROLAND ELECTRONIC DRUMS — Solution: 7 letters

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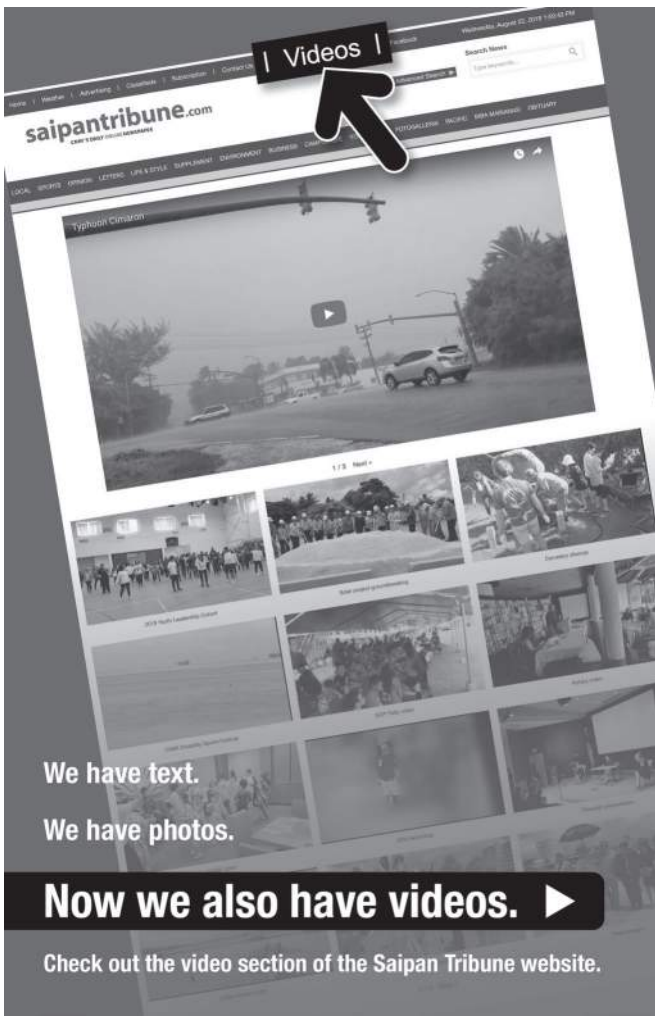

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Ellis wants consistency from USWNT

STA. CLARA—United States coach Jill Ellis is pleased with her team's 3-0 win over South Africa in Sunday's Women's World Cup warm-up match but wants them to be more consistent over 90 minutes after questions were raised over their slow start.

The U.S. got a goal in each half through Samantha Mewis and a late third from substitute Carli Lloyd to earn a 3-0 win but they did not score the opening goal until the 37th minute even though they dominated possession.

"I don't think it's fatigue, I don't think it's training," Ellis told reporters after the win. "We got so many good takeaways from this game, it was fantastic. Sometimes you just have to get into a game. The World Cup games, they don't always start perfectly. Sometimes several games don't start perfectly."

"It's the ability of a team to get better in a game and grow in a game. You start flying and you fade so I think we've just got to be the team that's got to be consistent in what we do. Sometimes you play teams that present slightly different things, it does take a little bit of an adjustment. I thought the quality obviously got better," she added.

Lloyd, who scored her 108th international goal, said the squad still had adjustments to make before the showpiece event in France that kicks off on June 7.

"We got two more games to fine tune some things before we get over there and we've got to take every minute and make sure that we get as much as we can out of it," Lloyd said.

"I think that's the most important thing, but we've got another game against New Zealand and that's the focus now."

AP
Samantha Mewis scores the game-winning goal for the U.S. Women's National Team in a 3-0 victory over South Africa at Levi's Stadium.

The U.S., three-times champions, play New Zealand on May 16 and Mexico 10 days later before heading to the World Cup.

Meanwhile, star forward Sam Kerr will lead an experienced Australia squad at the Women's World Cup, where the Matildas are aiming to go beyond the quarterfinals for the first time.

Kerr, who made her international debut at age 15 in 2009, has scored 31 goals in her 76 full international games and is the all-time leading scorer in the U.S. National Women's Soccer League. She scored twice in the Chicago Red Stars 3-1 win over North Carolina on the weekend, ending the defending champion Courage's 15-game unbeaten streak, and later told reporters she'd see them after the World Cup — with the trophy.

Australia coach Ant Milicic announced a Matildas squad Tuesday that has more than 1,300 international caps combined.

Lisa de Vanna, Clare Polkinghome and Lydia Williams have been picked for a fourth World Cup campaign and six players, including Kerr, are going to the biggest event in women's soccer for a third time.

"This is a special group of Australian footballers because, as a unit, they have accumulated a wealth of international experience despite the average age of the team being quite young," Milicic said. "Having players who have appeared at multiple World Cups in our squad will help to guide the eight players traveling to their first."

Kyah Simon, who has scored at the last two World Cups but has been struggling with a long-term ankle injury, and 17-year-old Kyra Cooney-Cross were included in an expanded 25-player squad for a Matildas camp in Turkey and will remain on standby in case of injuries to other players.

Australia will play a warmup match against Netherlands on June 1 and then open their World Cup Group C campaign against Italy on June 9.

The Australian women have been knocked out in the quarterfinals at the last three World Cups, twice by eventual runners-up

Broncos' Flacco: It's not my job to groom Lock

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) —Joe Flacco says his job description doesn't include grooming his successor, so he suggests rookie Drew Lock sit back and watch him work and ask plenty of questions— of offensive coordinator Rich Scangarello.

"Listen, I have so many things to worry about. I'm trying to go out there and play good football. I'm trying to go out there and play the best football of my life," Flacco said after the Broncos' first day of organized team activities Monday, when he faced Denver's defense for the first time since his acquisition from Baltimore.

"As far as a time constraint and all of that stuff, I'm not worried about developing guys or any of that," Flacco said. "That is what it is. I hope he does it well. I don't look at that as my job. My job is to go win football games for this football team."

Coach Vic Fangio concurred, saying the onus is on the rookie.

"That's on Drew to soak in and learn. Joe's learning a new system himself," Fangio said.

Flacco said before the draft that he didn't want the Broncos to select a quarterback unless he was the unquestioned starter, and general manager John Elway made it clear that was the case when he took Lock with the 42nd overall pick in the second round.

Asked Monday what he thought of that selection, Flacco said, "Listen, I've told you guys how I felt about it. There really isn't much more that needs to be said. I told you that it's not really in my control."

Pressed if Lock's presence served as any sort of motivator, Flacco said, "I think I've talked about that before, too. That is probably along the lines of him being drafted, it's one of those things. There is definitely little things that motivate you every year. At the same time, I have plenty of other things that have kept me motivated throughout my career and will continue to keep me motivated this year. That won't be the single or the biggest thing."

Flacco, who lost his starting job in Baltimore to first-round pick Lamar Jackson after getting hurt last season, said Lock needs to watch him do his thing and pepper Scangarello with any questions.

"I'm not a selfish person, I don't think," Flacco said. "There are times where you have to be selfish. But listen, Rich does such a good job in those meeting rooms. Drew is going to learn from listening to him talk and then us getting the reps on the field and seeing how we all do it as a collective group of quarterbacks. ... I hope he does learn from me because that means we're out there lighting it up."

Elway did grant Flacco his wish by selecting Iowa tight end Noah Fant in the first round and Kansas State offensive lineman Dalton Risner in the second round before moving up to draft Lock.

Flacco's success in Denver will largely depend on his O-line keeping him upright so that he can hit his tight ends and receivers downfield like he used to do in Baltimore.

On Monday, his linemen—minus right tackle Ja'Wuan James (excused)—were tested by Denver's dominant pass rushers.

"We're going to get tested every single day out there," Flacco said. "We have a couple of guys on the edge that obviously can play football."

The defense was once again missing star cornerback Chris Harris Jr. , who's been working out in Dallas while awaiting a new contract, a situation that grew dicey with Xavien Howard's resetting the market with a five-year, $76.5 million deal last week.

"When you first get here they tell you ... if you do all of the right things in the community and you do all of the right things on the football field, they'll take care of you," Von Miller said. "Chris has definitely done everything and then some. Whether it's in the community with his foundation or on the football field."

Man City maybe banned from Champions League

Manchester City may not be allowed to participate in the Champions League soon. Investigators from UEFA, which runs the European tournament, will reportedly recommend the team be barred from the competition after looking into allegations they broke fair-play regulations, according to the *New York Times*.

The club is being investigated after German publication Spiegel Online revealed leaked documents, which reportedly showed the league had violated fair-play regulations. Those regulations restrict teams from both taking on too much debt and not spending more than they bring in.

Under team owner Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Manchester City reportedly circumvented those rules by lying about sponsorship proposals. To cover a debt, the team agreed to a sponsorship deal after the season, but said the deal had been agreed to before the season.

There are other allegations suggesting some sponsorship companies funding Manchester City may be owned by Sheikh Mansour.

With an immense financial backing, Manchester City has won four of the last eight Premier League titles.

If Manchester City is banned from the Champions Leagues, it's unclear when that ban would be enforced, according to the *Times*.

Bucks have Milwaukee dreaming of first title since '71

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Hunter Trimmel couldn't give away his season tickets to Milwaukee Bucks games five years ago.

Losing season after season made the Bucks almost an afterthought in Wisconsin, where most teams live in the shadow of the Green Bay Packers. But now the Bucks are the hottest ticket in town, with a glittery new arena and a young superstar that has the team knocking on the door of the NBA Finals. Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final against Toronto is Wednesday night.

Trimmel, 37, was among hundreds of fans flocking to the plaza outside Fiserv Forum last week before the Bucks faced Boston in Game 5 of the conference semifinals. The plaza, with plenty of bars and jumbo TV screens for fans who can't get inside, is part of an atmosphere that Trimmel—a Bucks fan since 1992—said is a new experience.

"I hate to say it but we felt like a minor league team for a while," Trimmel said.

It's a golden era in Milwaukee: The Bucks are in contention just a year after the Brewers came within one game of going to the World Series, shifting the focus of this sports-crazed state from the beloved Packers to two long-neglected teams suddenly on the rise.

The last Wisconsin professional sports team to win it all was the Packers in 2011.

The Bucks' success has been a long time coming. Their only NBA title came in 1971, when a team featuring legends Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Oscar Robertson beat the Baltimore Bullets.

The Bucks were solid in the 1980s, putting up several 50-win seasons behind stars like Sidney Moncrief, Marques Johnson and Junior Bridgeman before things got brutal in the '90s—six losing seasons, including four where they didn't win more than 30 games.

"There was a generation when they stumbled through the wilderness, and a lot of fans lost interest," said Drew Olson, a longtime Milwaukee sports reporter who now hosts a sports talk radio show on 97.3's The Game. "It was almost to the point that people went to the Bucks games to see the other team."

Olson traced the turnaround to Herb Kohl selling the team in 2014 to Wes Edens and Marc Lasry, two hedge fund managers from New York, and said it paralleled the Selig family's sale of the Brewers to Los Angeles investor Mark Attanasio in 2005.

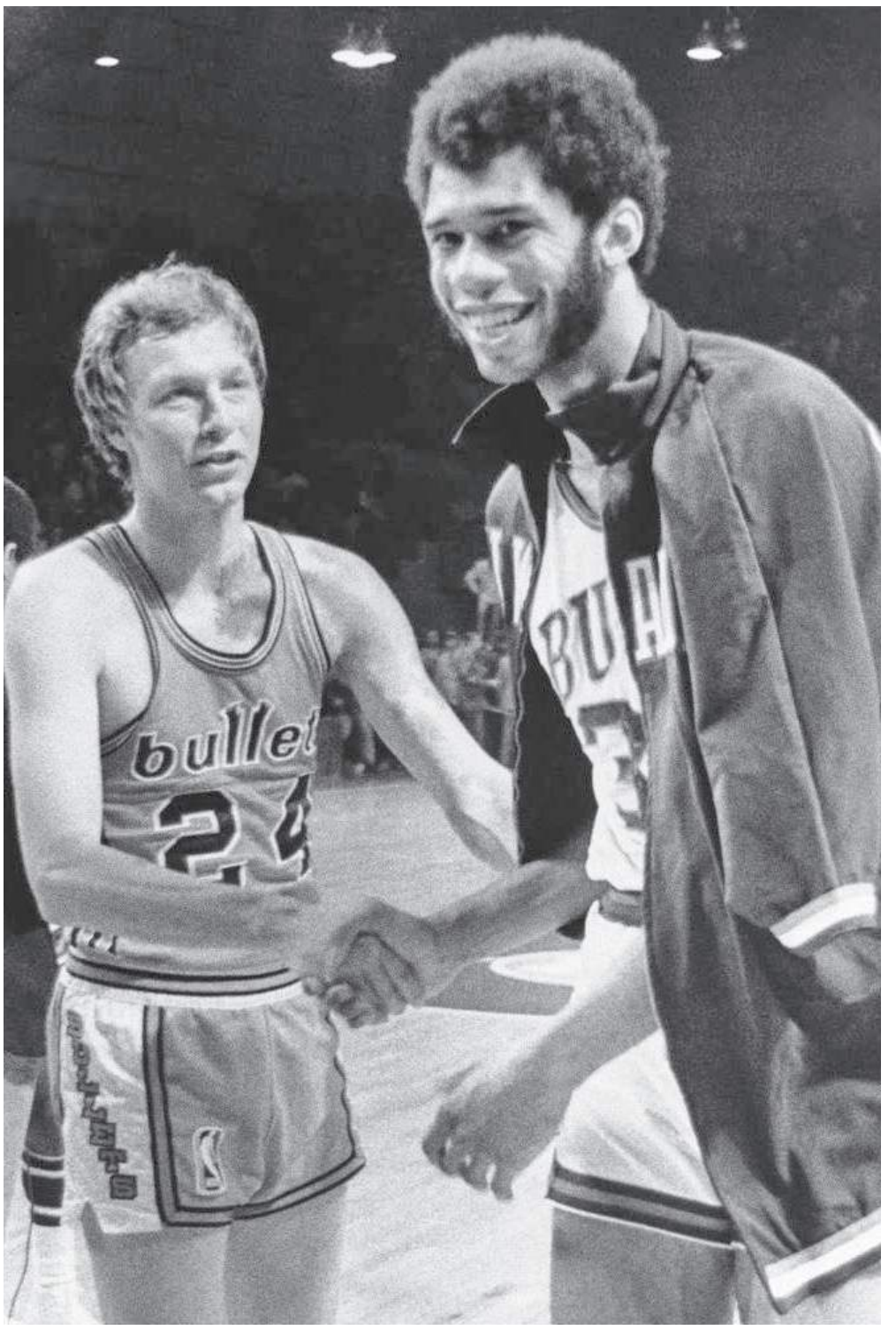
"In both cases the locals were skeptical whether we should trust these guys—whether they're buying the team to move the team," Olson said. "As it turns out, they've been really good stewards of these franchises."

Leading the Bucks' resurgence is MVP candidate Giannis Antetokounmpo, a fan favorite and a source of pride for Milwaukee's Greek community. Antetokounmpo was born in Athens, Greece. He is just 24.

"It's important for the Greek community to be able to gather together as a unit and celebrate him. And he in turn celebrates us," said Tim Stasinoulias, 61, a Bucks fan since the team came to Milwaukee in 1968.

The Bucks host an annual "Greek Night" event where fans get a Q&A session with Antetokounmpo. Since his arrival in Milwaukee in 2013, Antetokounmpo's been known to sing the Greek national anthem during those events.

"It's a bit of a renaissance in Milwaukee sports, just in general with the success recently of the Brewers and now we have the Bucks," said Stasinoulias. "Who would have thought that the Packers would be third on the totem pole at this point?"



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In this April 30, 1971, file photo, Milwaukee Bucks' Lew Alcindor, who later was renamed Kareem Abdul Jabbar, smiles as he receives congratulations from Baltimore Bullets' Jack Marin (24) after winning the NBA championship in Milwaukee. The Bucks' first season wasn't all that dazzling at 27-55 in 1968-69. But then they drafted Alcindor with the No. 1 pick. In 1970-71, the Bucks captured an NBA title by sweeping the Baltimore Bullets.

Rather than ranking each team's success, others take another view.

"This is the best Wisconsin sports has ever been as a whole," said Steven Slack, 35, a resident of Sun Prairie who was waiting for the game outside the arena.

"We've never had three teams actually in contention before simultaneously. Because we have, we literally have the MVP in all three leagues," he said, referring to reigning National League MVP Christian Yelich, Antetokounmpo's potential to win it this year, and Aaron Rodgers, the Packers quarterback who has won two MVPs and is in frequent contention.

The Bucks' success is also a financial boon for the city. Each playoff game is estimated to have a $3 million economic impact on downtown businesses — everything from hotels to transportation and food and beverage, according to Visit Milwaukee, an agency that promotes tourism to the city. It only helps that the Bucks are playing in their new half-billion-dollar arena for the first time this year, attracting dedicated and casual fans alike to the restaurants and bars in the plaza outside the stadium. Taxpayers contributed about $250 million to the arena's construction.

Away from the arena, the city has been expressing its pride for the team, too, with buses and streetcars flashing "Fear the Deer" and "Go Bucks" on their digital displays. The city's Public Market has a banner under its name with the same phrase, which is the team's rallying cry. Billboards on the highway are counting down the number of victories needed to win the championship.

Leap of faith: Cavs sign Michigan's Beilein to 5-year deal

CLEVELAND (AP) — John Beilein has spent a coaching lifetime taking ordinary programs and turning them into consistent winning ones.

All in college.

He's getting his NBA shot.

The Cavaliers ended a monthlong search Monday by hiring Beilein, a 66-year-old offensive mastermind who made Michigan a perennial powerhouse and now takes over a rebuilding project in Cleveland. Beilein got a five-year deal with the Cavs, who believe he can make the successful leap from campus.

Beilein's signing is somewhat surprising given his age, lack of pro experience and because the Cavs, who have had six previous coaches since 2009, had been speaking almost exclusively with younger NBA assistants during their interview process.

Beilein isn't the safest pick or the sexiest, but Cavs general manager Koby Altman said he precisely fits the coaching profile he wanted.

"We interviewed several strong and talented candidates who, no doubt, will get an opportunity to become an NBA head coach somewhere down the line," Altman said. "Following the end of those interviews, it became clear to us that Coach Beilein was the right choice and best fit for our franchise. "John is one of the most accomplished and innovative basketball minds and leaders in the entire game."

From Nazareth College to LeMoyne to Canisius, Richmond, West Virginia and finally to Michigan, Beilein has built a strong reputation for developing young players and teams.

Durant likely out for Games 1 and 2 vs Blazers

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Kevin Durant watched from home in the Bay Area as the Golden State Warriors finished off James Harden and the Houston Rockets on the road.

The two-time reigning NBA Finals MVP has a bit more cheerleading to do before he gets back on the court.

Durant is likely to miss Games 1 and 2 of the Western Conference Finals against the Portland Trail Blazers while he recovers from a strained right calf. Durant was injured in Game 5 against Houston.

"Everyone needs to slow down a little bit on the Kevin stuff. He hasn't even stepped on the floor yet," coach Steve Kerr said Monday, a day before Game 1, noting a more extensive update would come Thursday.

Golden State showed it can win without KD: Stephen Curry came alive at last in the second half of the clincher at Houston, scoring all 33 of his points after the break.

Curry and Splash Brother Klay Thompson will look to build off strong performances in that final game against the Rockets to lead the top-seeded Warriors. The two-time defending champions are seeking a fifth straight trip to the NBA Finals.

They will face another formidable backcourt with Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum when the best-of-seven series begins Tuesday night at Oracle Arena.

There are several intriguing storylines in this matchup, too, like Portland star Damian Lillard coming home to Oakland with a chance to shine on the big stage in the final season at Oracle before the Warriors move across the bay to play in San Francisco next season.

And how about the Curry brothers? Steph's little brother, Seth, plays for the Trail Blazers.

The Warriors swept the Blazers in the first round two years ago during a remarkable 16-1 postseason run.

Lillard missed his first six 3-point tries Sunday then swished one midway through the fourth when Portland needed him most. The Trail Blazers overcame a 17-point deficit on Denver's home court to outlast the Nuggets for a 100-96 win.

They have reached their first conference final since 2000, when Portland lost in seven games to Kobe Bryant and the eventual champion Los Angeles Lakers.

"This is arguably the biggest win that we've had in the franchise for a long time. To be a part of it, to do it the way we did, I'm thrilled," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "I'm really happy for our guys. As a coach, I think you experience the joy of the team, having different guys come in.

Ohtani hits 1st HR of season in win vs Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)— One week into Shohei Ohtani's return to the Los Angeles Angels, the lineup is looking sharp.

Minnesota ace Jose Berrios bore the brunt of their batting success on Monday night.

Ohtani hit his first home run of the season, a towering two-run shot in the third inning against Berrios, and Tommy La Stella hit the go-ahead homer in the sixth to give the Angels a 5-4 victory over the Twins.

"I've been hitting the ball in the air recently," Ohtani said through an interpreter. "I think it showed today that I'm improving."

The Angels are 5-2 on this nine-game trip that started with Ohtani's 2019 debut following Tommy John elbow surgery that has shelved the two-way Japanese sensation's pitching prowess for now.

"We've been waiting to get him back. You see how different the lineup is when he's in there, and hopefully he's starting to get his timing," La Stella said.

Ohtani reached base on four of his five plate appearances. His 429-foot drive off the videoboard facade beneath the second deck in left-center field was the highlight of the three-run, five-hit third. The AL Rookie of the Year homered 22 times in 326 at-bats in 2018.

"We all know the power's there, and that was a no-doubter to the opposite field," Angels manager Brad Ausmus said. "You don't see a lot of balls hit the other way from many people in this game that way."

La Stella hit his team-leading 10th homer of the season, in 36 games, and went 3 for 5.

AP

Los Angeles Angels' Shohei Ohtani watches the ball after hitting a two-run home run off Minnesota Twins pitcher Jose Berrios in the third inning of a baseball game Monday, May 13, 2019, in Minneapolis.

The 30-year-old second baseman, who came to the Angels in a largely unnoticed trade with the Chicago Cubs, had 10 home runs in 396 major league games entering this season.

Just as impressive as the power was the way the Angels continually beat the shifts employed by the Twins. Albert Pujols, who went 3 for 5, poked a single off an 0-2 curveball past the glove of Berrios (6-2) and through the empty right side of the infield in the fifth for a 4-2 lead.

Jorge Polanco and Marwin Gonzalez each hit two-run homers off Angels starter Tyler Skaggs (4-3), but the Twins weren't able to overcome this uncharacteristic vulnerability by their All-Star right-hander.

"Today was one of those days where the ball found open spaces against us, and that's just part of the game," said Berrios, who gave up five runs and a career-high 12 hits in 5 2/3 innings, his shortest start of the year, while walking three. He induced two groundball double plays.

The Twins went 0 for 10 with runners in scoring position, including a fly ball by Mitch Garver with two on and two out in the fourth that left fielder Brian Goodwin caught with his glove stretched to the top of the wall and his back pressed against it.

White Sox 5, Indians 2

In Chicago, Yoán Moncada hit two of the White Sox's four solo homers and Reynaldo López pitched 7 2/3 effective innings in a win over Cleveland.

José Abreu and Welington Castillo also connected for Chicago, which earned its third straight win. The White Sox improved to 4-3 against the Indians this season after they went 5-14 against the Tribe last year.

López (3-4) allowed one earned run and two hits, struck out six and walked two. It was the right-hander's first win since he fanned 14 in a 4-1 victory over Detroit on April 28.

Francisco Lindor hit his 13th career leadoff homer for Cleveland, which lost for the third time in four games. Lindor also hit a sacrifice fly in the third, singled in the sixth and walked in the eighth, but that was pretty much it for the light-hitting Indians.

Shane Bieber (2-2) allowed five runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings in the first road loss of his career.

Astros 8, Tigers 1

In Detroit, Aledmys Diaz, Robinson Chirinos, Jake Marisnick and Alex Bregman homered for Houston, which extended its winning streak to six games with the win over Detroit.

Brad Peacock (4-2) allowed a run and three hits in five innings for Houston, which has won nine of its last 10 games. The AL West-leading Astros knocked Matthew Boyd (4-3) out of the game in four innings, the shortest start of the season for the Detroit lefty. He allowed three runs and five hits and threw 96 pitches.

Houston got homers from its No. 6, 8 and 9 hitters before Bregman added his 13th of the year. The Astros scored three runs in a three-batter span in the second inning, then added two more in the seventh and three in the ninth.

Grayson Greiner hit a sacrifice fly in the fourth for the Tigers.

Phillies 7, Brewers 4

In Philadelphia, J.T. Realmuto doubled in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, Cesar Hernandez hit a two-run homer and Philadelphia beat Milwaukee.

Lorenzo Cain had a career-high five hits and Mike Moustakas homered for Milwaukee.

Bryce Harper struck out three times and was hitless in four at-bats. He made a diving catch with two outs, the bases loaded and scored tied in the seventh.

The NL East-leading Phillies rallied in the bottom half. Jean Segura struck out swinging but reached on a wild pitch by Matt Albers (2-2). Junior Guerra struck out Rhys Hoskins. Realmuto ripped a double to left-center to score Segura for a 5-4 lead. After Hernandez walked, Odubel Herrera extended the lead to 7-4 with a two-run double.

Phillies ace Aaron Nola lasted only three innings, giving up three runs and five hits on a cold night following a 52-minute rain delay at the start. Adam Morgan (2-1) got four outs for the win and Pat Neshek finished for his second save.

Brewers starter Freddy Peralta allowed two runs—one earned—and seven hits in four innings, striking out five.

Diamondbacks 9, Pirates 3

In Phoenix, Eduardo Escobar homered, tripled and drove in three runs, Christian Walker also went deep and Arizona cruised past Pittsburgh.

Robbie Ray (3-1) allowed one earned run and six hits over five innings. He recorded his 800th career strikeout when he fanned Pirates pitcher Nick Kingham (1-1) to end the top of the fourth inning.

David Peralta had two hits and drove in two runs. Alex Avila reached base four times and drove in a run as Arizona ended a three-game losing streak.

In his second start after opening the season in the bullpen, Kingham (1-1) gave up seven runs and 10 hits in four innings.

Josh Bell, Bryan Reynolds and Melky Cabrera drove in a run each for the Pirates, whose three-game winning streak was stopped.

PGA Championship opens in cold rain

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. (AP)— Matt Kuchar is playing his 54th major championship and realized something new as he walked off the 18th green at Bethpage Black.

"I think this is the first time I've worn a beanie at the PGA Championship," he said Monday.

He wasn't alone.

Tiger Woods was layered in clothing for an early nine holes of practice to beat the rain, with a knit beanie over his cap. From a distance, it was hard to distinguish between tour pros and club pros, major champions and major rookies. All of them were bundled in dark rain gear.

The PGA Championship has moved to May for the first time since 1949, and for the moment, everyone is feeling it.

Temperatures were still in the upper 40s when players headed out for the first official day of practice on the Long Island public course, already soaked from weekend rain with more falling in the afternoon.

Just like Lucas Glover remembers it.

Glover won the last major at Bethpage Black, the 2009 U.S. Open, during a week so inundated with rain that it didn't finish until Monday afternoon and the maintenance crew kept finding shoes in the muck weeks after it was over.

"Weather was just like this, actually," Glover said.

It should get better by the time the championship begins on Thursday, with temperatures pushing 70 by the weekend. But a wet course is a long course, and there were plenty of examples of that during morning practice.

Woods played the front nine and had 256 yards into the 524-yard seventh hole, which plays as a par 4 this week. He hammered a 5-wood that came up short. He tried a 3-wood from the same spot and that also failed to reach the green, and at that point Woods jokingly suggested he might consider teeing it up for a driver.

Kuchar hit driver down the middle of the 15th fairway, contemplated his approach to an elevated green guarded by bunkers, and was surprised to see it come up short. It didn't get much better from there. He hit a 3-hybrid into the par-4 16th, and another 3-hybrid into the par-3 17th

Meanwhile, Justin Thomas withdrew from the PGA Championship, saying he was not willing to risk more pain in his right wrist by returning before it's fully healed.

Thomas, who won the PGA Championship two years ago at Quail Hollow, will miss a major for the first time since his rookie season in 2015.

He is dealing with a bone bruise first suffered in the Honda Classic when he intentionally struck a tree on his follow-through.

Carol sweeps opener in 3rd Italian tourney

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The CNMI's Carol Lee won both her singles and doubles opening matches in the Torneo Internazionale "Città Di Santa Croce" Mauro Sabatini in Italy.

In the singles play, unranked Lee was pitted against Peru's Dana Guzman and needed three sets to survive the opener last Sunday at the Tennis Club Santa Croce Via Poggio Adorno in Santa Croce Sull'Arno, Tuscany.

The Commonwealth junior player prevailed in the first set, 6-1, but was clobbered by Guzman in the second, 6-0. Then in the deciding third set, Lee regained her bearings and eked out a 6-4 triumph to advance to the second round against Colombia's Antonio Samudio. The No. 11 seed drew a bye in the opening round.

In the doubles event, Lee teamed up with Puerto Rico's Lauren Anzalotta Kynoch and they took only two sets to beat Italy's Alessandra Anghel and Teresa Scardigli, 6-1, 6-0. With the sweep, Lee and Kynoch arranged a second round match against the pair of Ukraine's Liubov Kostenko and Russia's Taisya Pachkaleva, who got a bye in the first round to earn a free trip to the next phase of the competition.

The Torneo Internazionale "Città Di Santa Croce" Mauro Sabatini is a Grade 1 tournament that awards as much as 280 ITF Juniors World ranking points to the singles champion and 210 to the doubles winners. It is Lee's third event in Italy after debuting in the 36th Torneo Bayer di Salsomaggiore late April and in the 27th International Tournament "Città di Prato" early this month.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Carol Lee, seen here competing in the 2019 Australian Open Juniors, is in Italy for her third tournament in Europe this year.

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the last quarter to keep SDA's hopes alive, but Agape's hot start was more than enough to steady the ship en route to a finals trip.

The Lady Torchbearers managed to gain enough cushion early in the game after leading in the first quarter, 9-5. Mei Ou and Lynn Zhao combined for three point-blank shots and Jenny Lin nailed a trey. Lopez, on the other hand, shouldered all of SDA's points.

Lin continued to contribute to Agape's offense, as she glided in for three fastbreak layups in the second period, while Ou and Kristy Wang chipped in one field goal apiece. While the Lady Torchbearers received contributions from three different players, only Bomee Park hit a field goal for the Lady Guardians, allowing Agape to take a double-digit advantage at the break.

After the lull, Lopez regained her touch and scored all 6 points of SDA in the penultimate period. Agape was outgunned for the first time, as it tallied only 4 points, but still led by a good margin, 23-13, heading into the final canto.

In the fourth period, SDA continued its uphill climb behind Li and Lopez, while Agape's offense tapered off. However, the Lady Torchbearers' early lead and Lin's fastbreak layup and a split free throw in the fourth quarter were enough to halt the Lady Guardian's gutsy rally.

Lin paced Agape with her 12 points, while Ou added 8. Lopez led all scorers with her 16 markers.

In the second semis game, No. 3 GCA stunned No. 2 Mount Carmel School, 23-15.

With the Lady Eagles hanging on to an 8-5 halftime edge, they held the Lady Knights to one field goal in the third period for more breathing room, 15-8. GCA went on to keep its safe distance in the fourth canto to secure the second finals ticket.

Soleil Lamar finished with 13 points—11 were delivered in the second half—to help bring GCA to the championship game. She drew enough help from Katriel Saures and Azriel Fatialofa, who added 6 and 4 markers, respectively. Kaeli Pathil had 6 points for Mt. Carmel, while Kayili Peter registered 4.

The Lady Eagles and Lady Torchbearers will dispute the division title tomorrow at 3:30pm at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

Meanwhile, the semis games in the boys division will also tip off at 3:30pm today at the Koblerville facility with No. 1 Agape facing with No. 5 Saipan Community School. In the second Final Four tiff at 4:30pm, No. 2 Mt. Carmel will take on No. 3 GCA. Winners of today's matches will play in the championship game this Friday.

First Game

Agape 26—Lin 12, Ou 8, Wang 4, Zhao 2.

SDA 20—Lopez 16, Li 2, Park 2.

Scoring by quarters: 9-5, 19-7, 23-13, 26-20

Second Game

GCA 23—Lamar 13, Saures 6, Fatialofa 4.

MCS 15—Pathil 6, Peter 4, Chavez 3, Matsumoto 2.

Scoring by quarters: 4-4, 8-5, 15-8, 23-15

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goal for Southern United.

In the other U19 game last Friday, Matansa edged TanHoldings, 2-1.

Barbara Peteru drilled the go-ahead in the 45th minute and also registered Matansa's other goal in the first half. Mia Carreon recorded the equalizer for TanHoldings seven minutes before Peteru broke the deadlock.

Meanwhile, Kanoa also earned a close 2-1 triumph over Southern United to secure the girls U16 division championship last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Kanoa finished the two-round robin contest with an 8-1-1 win-draw-loss record, just slightly ahead of Southern United's 7-2-1.

Southern United, which blew its chances for the division title in their penultimate game last May 4 after setting for a draw against TanHoldings (2-2), incidentally needed at least a draw versus Kanoa to force a playoff for the championship.

The crucial match seemed to be headed that way when Mariana Castro scored for Southern United in the 11th minute and Francisco knotted the count six minutes later. The scores remained tied in the remainder of the first half until past the halfway mark of the second before Francisco came to Kanoa's rescue with a dagger in the 67th minute.

Holding a shaky lead and with division title on the line, Kanoa did everything it can to prevent Southern United from making a comeback in the final minutes of the deciding match.

In other results in the division, TanHoldings and MP United won their last game of the season.

TanHoldings pulled off a 1-0 triumph over Paire, thanks to Mary Joy Aniana's goal in the 64th minute. MP United, on the other hand, got a free win after Matansa failed to come up with enough players

NMIFA Spring Youth League Standings
(Standings as of May 12, 2019)

GIRLS U16 DIVISION

Teams	G	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Kanoa	10	8	1	1	59	19	40	25
Southern United	10	7	2	1	37	7	30	23
TanHoldings	10	5	4	1	27	16	11	19
MP United	10	3	2	5	25	26	-1	11
Matansa	10	1	1	8	7	51	-44	4
Paire	10	1	0	9	14	50	-36	3

GIRLS U19 DIVISION

Kanoa	7	7	0	0	65	13	52	21
MP United	7	5	0	2	65	28	37	15
Southern United	7	3	0	4	20	44	-24	9
Matansa	7	2	0	5	13	53	-40	6
TanHoldings	8	1	0	7	14	39	-25	3

Registration for AFC Grassroots Football Day still open

Interested players and parents can still sign up for the Asian Football Confederation Grassroots Football Day that will be held on May 18 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Registration is free and players in the 6 to 10 age group will get commemorative T-shirts, while supplies last. The NMIFA coaches are prepared to accommodate as many as 120 participants.

The event will start at 4pm, but participants are encouraged to be at the venue by 3pm for the distribution of shirts. An opening ceremony is set for 3:45pm.

The AFC Grassroots Football Day is held every year to further popularize the sport at the grassroots level across Asia by emphasizing the fun, while participating in various football (soccer) activities in a festival format.

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also at distant third was Agape Christian School's Vivian Wu (6:46.17). In the longest race in the competition, Snyder was way ahead, too, as she clocked in at 13:11.58—becoming the only runner in the field to finish the event in less than 14 minutes. The SIS runner defeated MHS' Castillo (14:07.96) and Valino (14:45.28).

In the 800m run, the Top 3 also had MHS and SIS runners with Castillo in first place after posting 2:52.48 and Snyder (2:53.01) and Valino (3:04.62) in second and third, respectively.

Castillo got her second gold in the competition after topping the long jump event. She logged 4.48 meters to edge Pangelinan (4.46m) and Acosta (4.29m).

Matching Castillo's pair of gold medals was Saipan Southern High School's Cassandra Camacho, who triumphed in the discus throw and shot put. Camacho's 8.69m in the shot put defeated the 7.51m of Agape's Lani Lishoalo and 7.49m of MHS' Desrei Camacho. In the discus throw, Cassandra submitted 24.54m to run away with the gold, while Kagman High School's Rayanna Fitial (20.35m) and Maria Rasa (20.20m) got the silver and bronze, respectively.

In the javelin throw, it was Fitial's turn to make it at the center of the podium after she tallied 24.02m. Pangelinan's 22.30 handed her the silver, while Saipan Southern's Thyvian They took the bronze after recording 21.99m.

In the high jump, MHS was awarded the gold and silver, thanks to Acosta (1.25m) and Sedrei Camacho (1.29), while Agape settled for the bronze

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Saipan International School student and 3,000m run winner Anika Snyder is flanked by Marianas High School's Jerlyn Castillo, left, and Ruschell Valino during the awards ceremony for the 2019 Public School System/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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Agape vs GCA in girls finale

ROBY N. PAMINTUAN
Agape Christian School's Jenny Lin's layup is challenged by the Seventh Day Adventist's Marielle Lopez during their semis game in the CCOPSA middle school caging yesterday at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

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Agape Christian School and Grace Christian Academy arranged their championship duel in the girls division of the 2018-2019 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association Middle School Basketball League after eliminating their respective opponents yesterday.

In the curtain-raiser of the doubleheader at the Koblerville Gymnasium, No. 1 seed ACS quelled No. 4 Seventh Day Adventist's late-game comeback attempt to take a 26-20 victory and the first finals berth.

The Lady Torchbearers' 19-7 lead in the first half proved helpful in safeguarding themselves against the Lady Guardians' surge in the closing minutes of the semis game.

Marielle Lopez and Leoni Li teamed up for 7 points in

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MHS, SIS rivalry formed

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The running events in the girls U18 division of the 2019 Public School System/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships turned out to be a showdown between Marianas High School and Saipan International School students, as they clashed for the Top 3 finishes in six individual races over the weekend at the Oleai Sports Complex.

In the 100m run, MHS' Jaime Pangelinan placed first after posting 13.20 seconds. The Lady Dolphins had a 1-2 finish in the sprint with Leani Acosta recording 13.88 seconds, while SIS' Mauryzon Tybaco was ranked third after registering 14.09 seconds.

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Marianas High School's Jaime Pangelinan, left, and Saipan International School's Mauryzon Tybaco, third left, engage in a close race early in the 100m run during the 2019 Public School System/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Pangelinan then had a repeat in the 200m after clocking in at 28.51 seconds, while Tybaco moved up to second with her 29.11 seconds, and the former's teammate, Jerlyn Castillo (29.32 seconds), rounded out the Top 3.

For the 400m run, Tybaco this time led the podium finishers and gave SIS its first gold medal, as her 1:11.57 bested seven other finalists. Tinian Junior Senior High School's Renuka Shrestha came in at second with her 1:12.72, while MHS' Ruschelle Valino was third after recording 1:12.97.

The Geckos went on to gain two more gold medals after Tybaco's win in the 400m, as Anika Snyder ruled the 1,500m and 3,000m races. Snyder's 6:02.42 in the 1,500m run was way faster than Valino's 6:25.15, while

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Kanoa FC gains twin titles

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Kanoa Football Club bagged a pair of championships after ruling the girls U16 and women's U19 divisions of the 2019 NMIFA Spring Youth League.

Kanoa first clinched the women's U19 crown after crushing Southern United Football Club, 11-1, in last Friday's futsal game at the TSL Sports Complex. The victory was the seventh in as many games for Kanoa, which moved two wins ahead of MP United Football Club with each team having only one game left in the double-round robin competition. Kanoa will close out the season tomorrow when it faces Matansa in a make-up game at 5:30pm while MP United will have its last match versus Southern United at 6:40pm.

Sharmaine Francisco led Kanoa's easy victory in their penultimate game after scoring five goals, while Paulynn Joyce and Theresa Toves also delivered multiple goals for the division champions. Francisco drilled back-to-back goals to jumpstart Kanoa's offense and made three more in the second half, while Joyce contributed a pair. Toves wrapped up the one-sided match for Kanoa with her three straight goals, while Kriselle Tuazon contributed one. Marinel Joy Falalimpa posted the only

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Shairmaine Francisco, seen here going for a shot in an earlier game, scored the two goals in Kanoa's 2-1 victory over Southern United Football Club in the girls U16 division of the 2019 NMIFA Spring Youth League last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.